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NUMISMATIC PHOTOGRAPHY

by Lloyd T. Smith.

This article has been prepared in response to a number of requests for more detailed information on methods of photographing numismatic items and the preparation of the popular audio-visual sets. As it is difficult to anticipate the problems that may arise, I would welcome any questions and will attempt to answer them satisfactorily. Questions may be forwarded through the Ontario Numismatic Association.

THE CAMERA: The only essential requirement here is that the camera must accept the standard 35mm film. Naturally, the more versatile and advanced cameras will facilitate the work.

SINGLE LENS REFLEX CAMERAS : (SLR):

These have one big advantage over all other camera -- you see the picture in actual size and sharpness of detail as you shoot. Focusing difficulties are thus eliminated and extreme close-ups of small portions of coin detail are possible.

The single lens reflex camera is equipped with a mirror which reflects the light to a ground glass on top of the camera. Therefore, the image you see in the ground glass is merely a reflection. Pushing the camera release enables the mirror to snap up out of the way and trip the shutter. Since the distance between the lens and the film is the same as that from the lens to the ground glass, the image on the film will be as sharp as that seen on the ground glass.

TWIN LENS REFLEX CAMERAS : (TLR): This variety differs from the single lens reflex in that it has two lenses, one of which admits the light to expose the film and the other, with the aid of a mirror, projects the image on the ground glass at the top of the camera. Both lenses are focused simultaneously, thus providing sharp focus. A disturbing disadvantage of this type is a parallax problem

with close-up shots. That is, there is a discrepancy of field between the viewing lens and the picture taking lens. Tilting the camera slightly upward will remedy this problem.

FOLDING CAMERAS: If the folding camera has either a revolving lens mount or an adjustable bellows with distance scale it is suitable for close-up work. Again, the parallax problem must be considered when setting up the camera and object to be photographed.

Box cameras or other types of fixed focus cameras are not usually suitable for this purpose.

EXTENSION TUBES, BELLWS AND SUPPLEMENTARY LENSES : Because few cameras are capable of producing extreme close-up shots of small objects such as coins or even portions of coins, it is usually necessary to shorten the focal length of the lens by the use of one of the above attachments.

The supplementary lenses, sometimes called portra or positive lenses are the easiest to use, are adaptable to more types of cameras and require no factor correction from the actual light reading on the light meter.

Unless the camera to be used has a removable lens mount, the portra lenses are the recommended method for close-up work. Portra lenses are numbered 1, 2 and 3 diopters and may be used singly or in various combinations, depending on the magnification desired.

Because some cameras are threaded at the front of the lens to accept supplementary lenses, while others require an adapter ring, it is advisable to take the camera to the photographic store when purchasing any such lenses.

Except in the case of the single lens reflex camera, it is necessary to make exact measurements between the camera lens and object and to correct for possible parallax. I won't go into detail here as the necessary measuring information is supplied with the portra lenses. Do follow instructions very closely and good results will ensue.

Besides accepting the portra lenses, the single lens reflex cameras will usually accept extension tubes or bellows extensions. To use each of these accessories, the lens must be removable from the body of the

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camera, as the tubes or bellows are placed between the camera body and the lens. The lens may have either a threaded or a bayonet mount, so the extension must have a matching mount. Again, consult your camera dealer.

When extension tubes or bellows are used in close-up work, adjustments are necessary between the actual light meter reading and camera setting. These changes are listed on information that comes with the tubes or bellows. A word of caution, on fully automatic cameras only those with a through-the-lens light meter will make the necessary adjustment automatically for these accessories.

EQUIPMENT -- Because the best method of photographing coins is to lay the coin on a base and to place the camera in a vertical position above the coin, it is necessary to support the camera in some manner. The simplest methods are a tilt-panhead tripod, a regular tripod, an optipod or kodapod.

TILT-PANHEAD TRIPOD : The tilt-panhead will tilt to angles in excess of 90 degrees, thus bringing the camera into the proper position to look down at the coin.

REGULAR TRIPOD AND OPTIPOD : The optipod is a ball-joint accessory that performs the same function as the tilt-panhead when used on a simple tripod. This may be less expensive than buying a complete new tilt-panhead tripod if you already own a simple tripod.

KODAPOD: This is a trade name for an accessory that may be attached to the camera and then clamped to any upright such as a door.

COPY-STAND: The best piece of equipment for our purpose is the copy-stand. With this, the camera may be raised or lowered very easily and smoothly on a central post. Adjustable lights are attached on each side.

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NEWS FROM THE COINS CLUBS--- 'ROUND ONTARIO

BAY OF QUINTE COIN CLUB -

On December 19th at the Kiwanis Centre The Bay of Quinte Club elected the following executive for 1969--President-Alvin "Duke" Parry, Vice-President- Andy Anderson, Secretary-Barry McGugan, Treasurer-Keth Day, Membership Director-Pat Blais. Bad weather made necessary the postponement of the planned auction and speaker. These will be enjoyed next month. The annual coin show is to be held April 12th of which more will be said later.

BRANTFORD COIN CLUB -

Annual Christmas Party on December 15th, guest speaker - Mr. Ed. Meadows who spoke on the Massassauga Rattler. There was a specimen on display and Mr. Meadows humorous stories were much enjoyed. List of new executive will be published next issue.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The last meeting of the Orillia Club was their second annual banquet and it was a huge success with a wonderful turkey dinner and all the trimmings. With many free draws and three special draw prizes the evening past very pleasantly.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB -

One of the few coin clubs holding weekly meetings and and they will be announcing their executive for 1969 at their January meeting. If you are in Toronto any Monday evening go to 300 Jarvis St., the Carriage House Hotel, and enjoy a delightful numismatic evening with the members and friends of the club.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

At the December meeting Mr. George Takacs of Brantford showed coloured films of his recent trip to Europe. The Fall Show was a huge success with 226 paid admissions and eleven bourse dealers which was all the space available.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The last meeting was highlighted by the presentation of the O.N.A. audio-visual "Canadian Voyageur Dollar" which is the story of the 1963 silver dollar from its shape to its design.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB BULLETIN-

The December meeting took the form of a slide show and display by Norm Barnes on "Mayaya", which was much enjoyed..

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

As a result of the elections it was announced by President William Clarke that Percy Elgie and Sam Smith will be Directors for 1969 and 1970 & Tom Masters, Malcolm Smith and Bud Mercer will be Directors for 1969.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB -

The highlight of the last meeting was a talk and slides shown by Harold Daniels on Canadian Silver Dollars. The results of the nominating committee will be published next month.

OSHAWA COIN CLUB -

The 1969-1970 Executive is as follows:-
President- Henry Burke, Vice-President- Ed Keetch, Secretary - Lloyd Embury, Treasurer- Bruce Watt, Editor - Ray Pleau, Librarian - Bill Leaming. So now Oshawa are all ready to go for 1969.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

Plans have been completed for the club's first Show on May 3rd and it was decided that the best of show award should be named the "Norval Parker Memorial Trophy" as the late Master of the Mint was an Honorary Life Member of the club.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB -

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas Party. Mr. Don Flick displayed part of his collection of medals and gave a talk on their history. Also Lloyd and Mazie Carney displayed part of their Newfoundland and Maundy collection.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB -

Elections were held at the last meeting the following were elected:- Past President - Ronald Bennett; President - Ricky Morse, Secretary - Frank Culhan, Vice-President- Robert Shillingworth, Treasurer - June Clarke, Assisting Secretary - Alan Weighell.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

At the December meeting Gordon Grey of London showed slides on Canadian and American bills. The Dominion of Canada bills ranged from 1870 to 1935 and of particular interest was the picture of the passenger steamer "United Empire" which was built in Sarnia. The Executive for 1969 is:- President - Norm Scott, Vice-President- Carl Williamson, Secretary-Don Park, Treasurer-Horace Bardwell, Executive Secretary - Robert Sargent.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC Association -

President for 1969 is C. J. Miedema who was returned by acclamation, but to the disappointment of all it was later learned that Mr. Miedema will not be able to carry on so a new president must be chosen.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB-

The December meeting was election of officers and the following were elected:- Past President- Betty Lou Bellows; President - Pat Lambert, Vice-President- Frank Kiley, Secretary - Gwen Harrison, Treasurer- Fred Barley; Membership - John Morrison, Librarian- Mrs. Ritchie Christmas cake and free coffee and soft drinks closed the meeting.

THISTLETON COIN CLUB-

The President for 1969 is Norm Belsten, Vice-President- Ricky Morse, Sec.-Treas. - Lily Meek, Past President- John Jefferies, Editor- Ricky Morse, Librarian- Jim Petric. There was also a "coin-bingo" and O.N.A. slides, on Tokens of Nova Scotia and P. E. I.

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

1969 President - F. C. Jewett, Vice-Presidents- Russell Martel and Mrs. Graham, Secretary - Martha Wilson, Treasurer- Harvey Farrow, Past President - Alex Munro. Mr. Jewett showed some of his British Commonwealth Paper money and gave a short talk on the display.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY-

At the December meeting it was decided to have two or three films and enjoy a good old-fashioned social time. A good time was had by all.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB -

1969 Executive is President- Percy Elgie, Vice-President- Glenn Forster, Secretary- Doug McGill, Treasurer- John Yull, Past-President- Albert Cole. At the December meeting there was an Audio-Visual, a Christmas exchange of coins and Christmas refreshments.

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF O.N.A. AREA #2, Arthur Honour

Since succeeding Pat Lambert in the position of Director of Area #2 I have tried to familiarize myself with all the services and policies of the O.N.A.

In August I spent several days as an attendant at the O.N.A.-C.N.E. display which was first rate and certainly attracted a lot of interest from the public. Congratulations to Vince Doran and all other participants for a job well done.

I attended most of the nearby coin shows this fall, including two full days at the O.N.A. Convention where I acted as display judge as well as participating in the other activities available. Judging duties were also performed at the Oshawa Coin Show the first week of November.

My travels have taken me to all the coin clubs in my area and I hope to visit each one at least once more in the spring. I have arranged to receive the monthly bulletins of each of these clubs so that I may keep properly informed of their activities.

If any coin clubs or collectors wish to discuss any matter concerning the O.N.A. with me they can contact me at the following address:-

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DID YOU KNOW -

The early Newfoundland coins were minted in either the Tower Mint in London or the Heaton Mint in Birmingham. These latter bear the "H" mint mark. Coinage of Newfoundland was struck at Ottawa in 1917, 1919, 1920 (Large Cents), 1941, 1943, 1944, 1947 (Small Cents), 1940, 1944, 1945, 1947 (5 cents and 10 cents), 1917, 1919 (25 cents and 50 cents). All these bear the "C" mint mark, No silver dollars have been issued.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show dates.

- March 22 - Richmond Hill Annual Spring Show in the Lions Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- March 22 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Sixth Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- March 29 - Waterloo Coin Society Annual Banquet and Coin Show. More
& 30 details later. General Chairman, Wilf Erb, Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 12 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show at the Hotel Quinte, Corner Bridge and Pinnacle Street, Belleville, Ontario. President - "Duke" Parry, P.O. Box 125, Belleville.
- April 20 - Chatham Coin Club First Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman- David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham, Exhibit Chairman- Walter Neuman, Port Alma, Ontario.
- April 26 - Huronia Numismatic Association of Barrie Annual Coin Show on Saturday, at the Trinity Hall, Collier St., Barrie from 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. For Further information write to P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont.
- April 27 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show in the Parish Hall. Further details later.
- May 3 & 4 - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman - H. A. Burton; Bourse - Paul Sullivan; Exhibits - Don MacRae.
- May 10 & 11 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre Motel, host club St. Catharines Coin Club. More details later. or write to Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Oct. 4 & 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Show & Banquet. Details later.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the February issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 693 Mrs. E. J. Chesson, 803 Concession, Apt. 101, Hamilton, Ont.
- 694 Ronald Young, 46 Grenadier Drive, Hamilton, Ont.
- 695 Mrs. W. Geletle, 1299 Royal Drive, Burlington, Ont.
- 696 John David Bruce, 1995 Barton St. East, Apt. 101. Hamilton, Ont.
- 697 Denis Laliberte, 36 Oak Street, Grimsby, Ont.
- 698 Walter F. Parks, 2478 Locus Ave., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 699 J. Sanderson, 924 Kingswood Cresc., Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 700 Claude Kewley, 6 Mayfair Avenue, Dundas, Ont.
- 701 Harold F. Doan, 209 Zina, Orangeville, Ont.
- 702 Dennis Fairall, 34 Venison St. West, Tillsonburg, Ont.
- 703 George Gray, R. R. # 1, Woodstock, Ont.
- 704 T. S. Caldwell, 125 Byron Ave., Thamsford, Ont.
- 705 John C. Voisin, 11 Cashman Cresc, Toronto 7, Ont.
- 706 Raymond Cote, 149 Roxborough Ave., Kitchener, Ont.

- C62 Hamilton Coin Club, c/o Mrs. Bruce Brace, 654 Hiawatha Blvd.,
Ancaster, Ontario
- 707 Tom Kustaluk, 128 West St., Brantford, Ont.
- 708 Timothy C. Perkins, 61 Frost St., Rexdale, Ont.
- 709 Miss A. MacDonald, 6311 Somerland Ave., Apt. 1506, Montreal 253, Que.
- 710 Karol J. Balas, 339 East 14th St., Hamilton, Ont.
- 711 L. A. Milberry, P.O. Box 396, Angus, Ont.
- 712 H. R. Lucas, 2221 Courtland Drive, Burlington, Ont.
- 713 Mrs. H. R. Lucas, 2221 Courtland Dr., Burlington, Ont.
- 714 Greg. Backwell, 5 Oregan Rd., London, Ont.

CHINESE COINS

By John McKay-Clements, Director of Area 9

A friend in Toronto recently asked me to look at a group of coins and advise her if there was anything of value among them. They proved to be a small collection of Canadian trade tokens and a small number of foreign coins. As is quite common with a group of this kind, there were some Chinese cash coins, three cast brass coins, each with a square hole in the centre and about the size of an English half penny. I told her that most of these Chinese coins are quite common and have little value but nevertheless, from a numismatic point of view, each represented a research challenge. I further told her that I collected these coins and had about one hundred varieties in my collection and that if she did not attach any importance to those she had I would like to take them home with me and look into their history. She readily agreed, in fact she insisted that I keep the coins in return for the time I had taken with her collection. This type of generosity is frequently met with among coin collectors and is one of the things that makes the hobby one of the best in the world for meeting nice people and making good friends. I always accept such gifts on the understanding that should it prove that the coin turn out to be of real value I reserve the right to pay for it at a price which represents a small discount below its current sale price to a collector. Two of the coins, although entirely different in appearance, proved to be from the same period A.D.1736-1795 and already in my collection. Catalogue value about fifty cents each in average circulated condition. They are rather more than average circulated - quite worn and difficult to read. The third coin is in better condition and has a price of one dollar in the dealers' lists, not a rare coin from a money point of view but one that is most interesting from a story telling and romantic point of view. It is one of a group of twenty coins (Schjoth reference numbers 1423-1442), which were cast in 1667 at different mints during the reign of Ch'ing Sheng Tsu 1662-1722, reign title K'ang-hai. He was the first of the Ch'ing Dynasty (A.D.1644-1911) emperors to be an all-China emperor in actual fact. The twenty coins have the names of the mints on the reverse. The Mint names of these twenty coins have been arranged in a stanza of four pentameter lines, forming a rhyme after the rule of Chinese poetry. Arthur Bradden Coole, in his book "Coins in China's History" says of this poem - "There is no particular meaning to the "poem" but the character-sounds rhyme and hence it is easy to remember. It is to be read from top to bottom starting at the right hand column." (Well at least we know where to start. I found the poem in one book, the list of Chinese mints in another, how to pronounce them in another and sketches of the obverse and reverse in another.) I also learned that the Chinese attached a talismanic virtue to these twenty coins. They claimed that if the coins were genuine and placed

together they had the power of expelling evil influences and of preventing fires. It was generally believed in those days that it was quite easy to test the genuine coins, all that was necessary was to string them together and then place them on the top of a chicken coop, genuine coins prevented the cocks from crowing in the morning. I had none of these coins in my collection before, having made a start with this single coin on my collection of the "poem" cash, who knows, perhaps one of these days I may be able to keep the neighbours cock from crowing -- when I find the other nineteen.

(This was column No. 74 written by John for the local paper.
Thanks, John, very interesting).

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The following is a continuing list of Coin Clubs in Ontario started in the December issue.:-

Strathroy Coin Club, The Scout House, Highway 81 North, Strathroy, Ont.	3rd Sunday Afternoon each month
St. Thomas Numismatic Association, Grace United Chirch, St. Thomas, Ont.	Every 2nd. Tuesday of month
Thistletown Coin Club, Public School, Albion Road, Weston, Ont.	Second Tuesday each month 8.00 p.m.
Tillsonburg Coin Club, Orange Hall, Brock St., Tillsonburg, Ont.	3rd Wednesday each month
Toronto Coin Club, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ont.	4th Saturday each month
Welland Coin Club, Barclay Hotel, Welland, Ont.	2.00 p.m. First Sunday of month.
Woodstock Coin Club, Old St. Paul's Church, Dundas St. East, WOODSTOCK, Ont.	3rd Thursday each month
Ingersoll Coin Club, Ingersoll & District Memorial Centre, INGERSOLL, Ont.	3rd Monday of month
Central Coin Club Carriage House Hotel, 300 Jarvis Street, TORONTO, Ontario	Each Monday evening

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DID YOU KNOW THAT:-

The two-cent piece of 1864 was the first United States coin to bear this motto, "In God We Trust."

The United States Bureau of the Mint has not stamped silver dollars since 1935 but has 74,000,000 on hand.

Rarest Canadian coins are \$10 and \$20 gold pieces struck at New Westminster, B.C. in 1862.

The Fish Money of Quathiaski Cove

Originally contributed by Albert E. McWha, C.N.A. Journal, Dec./59

Off the rugged east coast of Vancouver Island lies a fishing village which bears the intriguing--even remantic name, Quathiaski Cove. At the turn of our century when the waters of Queen Charlotte Strait were becoming world famous for their teeming salmon, canneries developed on many coastal islands. Frequently, government authorities granted exclusive fishing rights to some of these concerns. Such "Closed Waters Rights" conferred on their holder a kind of monopoly over a designated area of salt water, which might extend to upwards of two hundred square miles.

Most of the fishermen employed by the canning industry in those days were Indians, probably of Kwakiutl, Bella Coola, or even Kootenay tribes and descendents doubtless take their place among British Columbia's fishermen to-day. Fifty years ago, canneries paid the Indians in currency which could be exchanged for equipment or stores to serve their household needs, just as other aborigines engaged in trapping might receive Hudson's Bay Co. Tokens when they brought pelts to buy supplies. At Quathiaski Cove this kind of canning business was operated by W. E. Anderson in 1912. He had tokens struck to pay for fish offered to his firm, whereby fishermen would be sure of securing a convenient medium of exchange with which to obtain Company goods. This aluminum money adheres to the usual disc shape for coins and comes in denominations equal to the number of fish submitted for purchase. Anderson's tokens bore eight different values, from "1 Fish" to "100 Fish".

Francis Dickie, whose article on "Fish Money" may be seen in the November 1958 issue of "Forest & Outdoors in Pictures", tells us that fifty fish at that time and place brought from \$1-\$2.50, according to the type of salmon caught and prevailing market rates for them. He believes this particular type of "Fish Money" from early British Columbia to be unique. At any rate, it could hardly be confused with "Fish Hook Money" made of flint and elaborately carved in the shape of fish-hooks which had their place as currency in B.C. & Alaska.

Mr. Anderson issued his "Fish Money" in 8 denominations as follows:-

Denomination	Diameter	Thickness	Denomination	Diameter	Thickness
100 Fish	37 mm.	2 mm.	5 Fish	22 mm.	1.5 mm.
50 Fish	37 mm.	2 mm.	3 Fish	22 mm.	1.5 mm.
20 Fish	25 mm.	1.5 mm.	2 Fish	22 mm.	1.5 mm.
10 Fish	25 mm.	1.5 mm.	1 Fish	22 mm.	1.5 mm.

All of these tokens carry the same obverse legend with minor variations indicated below, while the reverse designs differ according to the number of fish specified and in a few other ways, REVERSE: Within a beaded circle running around the edge of the token the word Fish appears at the top and "NOT TRANSFERABLE" at the bottom, these legends being curved to parallel the edges. The denomination in large bold Arabic numerals, holds the central position on each reverse. To left and right of the denomination, for the 100, 50, and 20 and 10 values, one finds a five pointed star. These stars are absent from the lower 1, 2, 3 and 5 Fish designs. The figure 1 to 100 is of the same size and type as those on the 10 and 1 Fish pieces; similarly, the zeros in 100, 50, 20 and 10 are all alike, while the 2 on both 20 and 2 Fish tokens show no variation in structure or extent. Hence, one may suppose that identical die figures were cut, in this sense for the eight denominations made.

OBVERSE: As upon the reverse, a beaded circle goes around the token surface just inside the outer circumference. The name W. E. Anderson occurs at the top with, beneath it an arabesque resembling a bow tie, under which in succession come Quathiaski in an upcurving arc, Cove in horizontal alignment, and the abbreviation B.C. curved to the lower edge.

The obverse design for the 100, 50, 20 and 10 values remains the same so that the "Bow Tie" feature on the 20 and 10 has not lessened by comparison with that detail on the two largest pieces. On the 1, 2, 3, and 5 Fish tokens however, the ornament more closely resembles a hollow diamond with short, bar-shaped extensions to both left and right.

It need hardly be said that these items are fairly scarce. Nevertheless, Anderson's "Fish Money" of Quathiaski Cove bears silent witness to a highly significant phase of Canada's rise as a trading nation.

(Thanks to London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

THIS 'N THAT-

Following on from our December notes with reference to helpful hints on exhibiting--please--tell us what you are exhibiting--little hints as to how long you took to get a certain coin or bill to complete your collection--give more details on your "special" items so that the "seeker" too will enjoy the hunt for some particular specimen, etc. All this will help increase interest in your exhibit and give you those necessary 2-3 points which makes the difference between First and Place. "Dress-up" your exhibit a little, extra time in "setting up your exhibit can pay dividends towards those precious and ever so important points., and better luck next year.--Some of your Directors have been busy these past few months--I see that Don Flick spoke at Oakville and Port Credit--another of our Directors who is following President Bill English's "Lesson on Communications"---speaking of Bill--I see he spoke at Ingersoll recently and I note Ricky Morse spoke at Thistletown and Richmond Hill--and an article by Arthur Honour tells us he, too, is communicating "real good" Had a letter from member Paul Carl of Rochester, N.Y. containing some photos of an over-struck 1965 half dollar by an 1967 half dollar---I asked about overstrikes in a recent bulletin --have any of our other members came across anything like this? Incidentally Paul had promised an exhibition of his error collection--I hope he will come to Prudhomme's in May and let us see his collection--passed to you, Paul---At one of the recent coin shows I was given an article for the O.N.A. Bulletin on Canadian Armed Forces Badges, etc.--will the writer please contact me personally--I wish some further information--Thanks.--Your Editor muses somewhat-- has been an interesting year--a somewhat rewarding one with so many kind remarks of encouragement from many readers---1969 (?)-- A real challenge for the O.N.A.--Numismatists--and of course your Editor and his bulletin--the many willing helpers who put this bulletin to bed every month--the help of Linda our efficient "Reproducer"--the many contributors club secretaries who send in their club news, etc.--the article contributors who so faithfully send in articles--to all these kind folks a special "Vote of Thanks"--Whatever success we enjoy it is to you we give full credit.

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NUMISMATIC PHOTOGRAPHY

(concluded from January issue)

By Lloyd T. Smith

LIGHTING: A considerable amount of light is required, but this depends on the speed of the film used and the camera. The best source of light is the sun. A small mirror may be used to direct the sunlight evenly over the entire coin. Indoor lighting may be obtained with one or more lights placed a short distance from the coin at approximately a 30 degree or 60 degree angle. A lower angle produces a better relief effect on the coin, but always check to assure that light is not shining directly into the camera lens. For slow speed films, or when using extension tubes or bellows, #1 photoflood bulbs are recommended, but for higher speed films (100ASA and up) 100 to 200 watt bulbs are usually acceptable light sources. Experimenting will provide the best solution.

As a final note on lighting we should consider the electronic flash. This type of lighting may be quite successful when using supplementary plus lenses, but will only be successful with the tubes or bellows if the f-number setting is carefully adjusted according to extension instructions. The main thing against this method is that the actual lighting and shadows cannot be examined as well prior to the snap. Keep in mind, too, that the flash must be removed from the camera shoe for extreme close-ups so that the light can be properly directed towards the coin. If a trial shot or two on a film prove successful, there is no reason why the electronic flash shouldn't be used.

Generally speaking, the cost of regular flash bulbs rule out their use in coin photography.

FILM: This is mainly a matter of personal choice. Naturally, outdoor film is best for use with sunlight and indoor film for artificial light, but if the recommended filters and adjusted ASA ratings are used it is possible to obtain good results with the opposite arrangement.

As with so many things, there are advantages in almost all films; slow speed films allow considerably more latitude for error than high speed films, but if it becomes necessary to use an extremely slow camera speed and a large lens opening it could result in a failure of the reciprocity law. This would take much time to explain, but the effect is a curious changing of the colour values in the film.

NEW MEMBERS *****

Applications published in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

Speakers Circuit : The Ontario Numismatic Association would appreciate it if any member having knowledge of another member in their club or any other club that shows potential as a speaker would advise ** Ken Prophet CMTIC CFB BORDEN, BORDEN, ONTARIO, so that a list of speakers both local and distant could be prepared. We are continually revising the list and local speakers would assist local club programmes.

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I think it could be safely recommended that a medium speed (64 ASA) film be used when incorporating supplementary lenses and a higher speed such as 125ASA for use with extensions. My personal choice for colour rendition is Kodachrome 11, Professional, Type A. This film has an ASA of 25 in daylight with a #85 filter, ASA 40 with 3400K photoflood (no filter) and ASA 32 with 3200K tungsten lights with a #82A filter. It is a slow film, but results are exceptionally true and it is the film used by many hospitals and doctors. Whatever your choice of colour film, follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

BACKGROUND: It is essential that backgrounds for coins be carefully chosen. Various materials such as cloth, book covers and cardboard may be used, but patterns should be plain or muted and have a dull finish. By placing the coin on different backgrounds it is quite easy to determine the most pleasing. If one wishes to get rid of the shadows at the edge of the coin, it is only necessary to place a clean square of glass about one inch above the background material by means of small corks at each corner and the coin is then placed in the middle of the square. If the coin is placed on a slim post about one inch high, with a dead black background and a very narrow 'depth of field' is used, the effect is of a floating coin. In extreme close-up photography it is quite easy to achieve a depth ranging down from 10 to only one or two millimeters. Always be sure that the plane of the coin is parallel to the plane of the lens.

TITLE SLIDES : These may be produced by setting up the required information from letter sets available from camera stores or by various other means, such as careful printing, typing or cut-out letters. The prepared letter kits are best as the other methods may appear quite rough or fuzzy when projected on the large screen.

The title slides may include such information as: the title of the set, photographer, producer, narrator (if tape is to be included), source of coins, sponsor (if club or other person pays cost) and distributor (O.N.A. if donated to this audio-visual service).

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Such things as introductory or incidental music or other appropriate sounds are a matter for the discretion of the individual producer, but be sure that they do not interfere with the clear sound of the reading.

Slides, tape and manuscript may now be neatly packed into a small

container and you are now a successful Audio-visual producer.

The Ontario Numismatic Association is prepared to pay any reasonable cost for completed satisfactory Audio-Visual sets if you or your club members cannot afford this cost. Wherever possible, technical assistance will be supplied gratis by this writer.

LIST OF BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE O. N. A. LIBRARY

1. Beginners Coin Guide - 2 booklets - by Kail Kash
2. Nickel in Coinage - issued by the International Nickel Company
3. A Bibliography of Applied Numismatics - by Cornelius C. Vermeule, Ph.D.
4. Coin Collecting For Beginners - By Kenneth A. Jacob.
5. Complete Guide to Coin Collecting - By Don Zucker.
6. Coins - A Complete Guide To Collecting - Jacques Del Monte
7. Coins - by Howard W. A. Linecar.
8. Nickel From Coinage - by H. G. Stride, O.N.E., I.S.O.
9. Counterfeit Gold Coins - issued and donated by Alfred Dieffenbacher.
10. Coin Collecting - by Lawrence Brown.
11. Exhibition Services - O.N.A. brochure on display cases.
12. Audio-Visual Services - O.N.A. brochure of set of slides and tapes.
13. Book Lending Library Index - Indexing literature for distribution.
14. International Banknote Society Bulletins.
15. The Canadian Numismatic Journal 1964.
16. Ontario Numismatist 1962, 1963, 1964.
17. Numismatic Notes and Monographs - published by American Numismatic Society.
18. Coin and Medal Bulletin - B. A. Seaby Ltd.
19. Postal Information - by Canada Post Office.
20. Brond-Lichtenfels et al. Collections - Public Auction Catalogue by
Abner Kreisberg and Hans M. F. Schulman.
21. Beebe's Annual Catalogue - 1964-65
22. Great Eastern Numismatic Association Auction Sale - by James Kelly.
23. Numismatic Literature - by Frank J. Katzen.
24. United States and Canadian Commemorative Medals and Tokens -
by Clifford Mischler.
25. Auction Catalogue - Mail Bid Sale - by Abner Kreisberg.
26. My Bank and How I Can Use It - by Bank of Montreal.
27. Golden Sale - Part 3 - by Hans M. F. Schulman.
28. Papal Medals - by Regency Coin & Stamp Co. Ltd.
29. Commemoratives of Great Figures and Events in U.S. History - by
Regency Coin and Stamp Co. Ltd.
30. Numismatic Books - by Regency Coin and Stamp Co. Ltd.

The list of books will be completed next month and as our librarian is in the process of moving, we hope to be able to let you know when and where you will be able to borrow any books that interest you, next month.

COIN CLUB NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

We welcome the following Officers for 1969- President - Fred Hiuser, Vice-President - Ernie Baker, Secretary - Ernie Lightle, Assistant Secretary - Phil Baker, Treasurer-Tom Savory, Historian-Mrs. Mary Hilborn, Librarian-Tom Gear, Advisory Member-Walter Griggs, Directors - Henry Meggitt & George Wagner, Editor-John Barchino. The January meeting featured O.N.A. Audio-Visual slides on large cent pieces of Canada.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB - Have as their President for 1969 Vince Doran, Treasurer-R.W. Shillingworth, Secretary & Program-Ricky Morse, Publicity-Ricky Morse, Directors-Roy Longo, Eric Miller, Keith Evans, Reanus Holtman, Gary Doran, John Cloran, Steve Oko and Larry McNeill. Good Luck to you all,

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

Welcomes back Arthur Honour as President for another year. To assist him are Vice President-Ken Palmer, Treasurer- Gordon McComb, Secretary-Eugene Culp. The theme of the January meeting is Preparing Coin Displays and "What Judges Look For". A good meeting.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

The January meeting is the elections of officers and new blood is needed. The results will be given next month.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB -

The new president is John Sanderson, vice-president-Don McDonald, Treasurer-Mrs. T. Daley, Secretary-Lloyd Hottot, Directors-Klaus Muller, J. Near, Pete Kostyk, Mrs. A. Tompkins.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

The last meeting was highlighted by a slide show of Australian Coins courtesy of the C.N.A. A new Constitution and By-Laws was accepted. They are busy preparing for May 3 and 4.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting Mr. Don Flick displayed a portion of his remarkable Canadian token collection and gave an impromptu talk as the scheduled speaker, Mr. Gale Jarvis, could not attend due to illness. The new officers will be announced next month,

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB -

Are busy preparing for their Fifth Annual Show March 22nd. The new President, Ricky Morse and secretary, Frank Culham, are ready for a good and exciting year.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

Mr. George Smith of Bright's Grove was the guest speaker at the last meeting. Coloured slides were shown of Sarnia and District Landmarks dating back to the 1800's. Mr. Smith told about the first Banks and had some old store tokens.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

The January meeting featured short talks by three of the Junior Club members on "Why I Collect Coins". This was followed by an auction which was enjoyed by over 120 members and guests.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The 1969 Executive is: President-C.J. Miedema, Vice-President-Harvey Ellis, Secretary-A. W. O'Neill, Treasurer-George Connoy, Editor-Harry James. Directors- Mrs. Clunes, Arnold Baxter, Jim Ross, George Kerhoulas, Ken Tuff. The special feature of the first meeting of the year was a talk "1969".

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

The January meeting featured a slide show "Trading tokens of the Yukon" from the C.N.A. library. This was much enjoyed by all.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY-

The January meeting featured Mr. Rex Pearce of Toronto speaking on "Nickel Coins and Sherritt-Gordon". Sherritt-Gordon supplies the nickel blanks for the Royal Canadian Mint and several foreign countries. Mr. Pearce is in the head office in Toronto and his talk was very interesting.

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF O.N.A. AREA # 6 - RICKY MORSE.

I am extremely pleased to be able to report that all the O.N.A. member clubs in my area appear to be healthy and happy....with good attendances, increased memberships and healthy participation in all club functions. Being personally a member of these clubs keeps me in contact with all major programs in progress in the line of activity of the present and future.

Having been a guest speaker at the major clubs I found the members to be both attentive and appreciative of the information to be gleaned from the main theme of my subjects.

The secret of all successful coin clubs to-day is contained in one single word....GOODFELLOWSHIP, and I find this to be a most important factor in every project that is undertaken by any club, regardless of its size.

This may be especially noticed at all Ontario Numismatic Association shows and Conventions....where "any member in good standing" may enter a display. This, to me, is the HAND OF GOODFELLOWSHIP being proffered.

During 1969 it is up to us, as a fraternity of numismatists, to join hands together and progress in the goodfellowship of the Ontario Numismatic Association for the future benefit of the younger generation in the years ahead.

If any coin clubs, or collectors, wish to discuss any matter pertaining to numismatics they may contact me at the following address:

Ricky Morse, P.O. Box 91, Station "H", Danforth Ave., Toronto, Ont.

CANADIAN COIN COMMENTS

By Bernard G. Kline.

Many collectors claim that the most beautiful set of Canadian Coins, especially when in uncirculated condition, are the small 5-cent silver pieces issued from 1858 to 1921. Three different monarchs are shown in this fine series of coins. These miniature coins are exceptionally well engraved and make a very impressive display.

However, not many collectors are aware of the fact that these 5-cent silver coins came from the mint in sealed metal tubes and not loose in bags as other denominations are distributed.

They are stamped with the date and the mint mark of the issuing mint, (London, Heaton and Canada), depending on where they were struck, These metal tubes are now interesting collectors items, but are not widely seen.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- March 22 - Richmond Hill Annual Spring Show in the Lions Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- March 22 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Sixth Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- March 29 & 30 - Waterloo Coin Society Annual Banquet and Coin Show. General Chairman - Wilf. Erb, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont. Dealers welcome.
- April 12 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show at the Hotel Quinte, Corner Bridge and Pinnacle Streets, Belleville, Ont. President - "Duke" Parry, Box 125, Belleville, Ont.
- April 19 - Hamilton Coin Club Spring Show and Banquet, Saturday, April 19, 1969, For information write to P.O. Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton, Ont.
- April 20 - Chatham Coin Club First Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman - David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham, Exhibit Chairman - Walter Neuman, Port Alma, Ont.
- April 26 - Huronia Numismatic Association of Barrie Annual Coin Show on Saturday, at Trinity Hall, Collier St., Barrie, from 12.00 to 10.00 p.m. For further information write to P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ont.
- April 27 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show in the Parish Hall. Further details later.
- May 3 & 4 - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman - H.A. Burton; Bourse chairman - Paul Sullivan; Exhibits chairman - Don MacRae.
- May 5 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Banquet will be held on May 5th, 1969.
- May 10 & 11 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre Motel, host club, St. Catharines Coin Club. Chairman - Pat Lambert, 57 Emmett Rd., St. Catharines. Bourse dealers contact Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Av, St. Catharines or write to P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ont.
- Sept. 28 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show. More details later.
- Oct. 4 & 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Banquet and coin Show. More details later.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT :-

More counterfeit money was passed in Quebec last year than in the nine other provinces combined, reports James Nesbitt, a document examiner at the RCMP federal laboratory in Ottawa. He was giving evidence at a court case involving bogus bills.

The Swedish 10-daler copper coins of the 17th century weighed up to 30 pounds each.

One of the only six known specimens of the U.S. 1804 silver dollar was sold in 1960 for \$28,000.

CANADA'S HISTORY CHARTERED WITH MONEY

(Originally published in their November 1967 issue, and
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Numismatists who choose to collect in the Canadian arena soon find that the field is replete with interesting specimens, be they the tokens of the French regime or the later British colonial issues, playing card money, the fractional shinplasters, or the commemorative coins of the modern era. In addition to these more common items, there are also the interesting and unique money charts of Will Kernohan.

Kernohan, not a rich man by the rules of most, spent a great deal of time and money researching Canadian history as it related to numismatics in order that he might leave for future generations of Canadians his charts tracing "The History of Canada in Money".

When after many years he finally had the contents of the charts completed, it developed that the Deputy Minister of Finance of Canada would not grant the necessary permission to reproduce appropriate specimens of Canadian currency in print. A stubborn Irishman, Kernohan had worked too long and hard to accept defeat at this level. In retaliation he went to the top, writing the following letter to George VI, of England.

"Your servant has a matter he would like to bring before His Majesty in connection with Canada's history. For some time I have been working on a plan, in the form of a chart. This chart, when completed will show a complete history of all the coinage and paper money of the Dominion of Canada, from 1867 to the present issue...but our great difficulty is to get a reproduction as it is a criminal offence to reproduce money. Your servant desires to ask His Majesty if he will consider some means of issuing a permit to have this chart reproduced for the purpose stated."

To appreciate the deep meaning Kernohan put behind this letter, one must explore his background and the intensity with which he compiled the information and collected the numismatic specimens illustrated on the money charts. Kernohan was born in 1874 on a farm near Forest in south-western Ontario. His father emigrated to Canada from Ballamana, Ireland, and was of Empire Loyalist stock. His mother, the adopted daughter of a sea captain, was from Edinburgh, Scotland. At 13 young Kernohan developed alsiike poisoning behind the eyes as a result of exposure in the threshing of alsiike clover. He soon began losing his sight and was in later years to become completely blind. The lifetime handicap was to serve as Kernohan's inspiration in later life for the production of his unique money charts, which were primarily intended to serve the youth of the land. His idea was that the charts would provide lasting illustrations of old Canadian currency for future generations, linking them with the growth, the industries and the resources of Canada, so they can see them while they're young because some may lose their sight as I have".

Having a great love for Canada, Kernohan believed that the romance of her history could and should be presented to school children in an interesting visual form. He felt the charts could be the beginning of such a method, and his ambition was to see them placed in schools, libraries and museums all across Canada.

Certainly Kernohan had no idea at the time that only a few years after his death coin collectors in Canada and the United States would consider the charts as collector items. Active coin collectors were few and far between in Canada when Kernohan was doing research for his compact "The History of Canada in Money". To-day his achievement stands as the only chronicle of its kind in the world.

Kernohan set out on his task of compiling and presenting these charts in 1938. It was an enormous task for a man of 64 years age who had three

strikes against him from the very start, being totally blind, nearly deaf and heavily dependent on others. By the time he was ready to print his charts Canada was at war, making both labour and material scarce.

To realize his dream in compiling "The History of Canada in Money" Kernohan set out first to research available material on Canadian Currency linking it with the story of Canada's growth from a wilderness inhabited only by Indians to a modern nation. Then, all of this compiled historical data was checked by educators. This slow and laborious task, which took almost three years to complete, was made all the more tedious by Kernohan's lack of sight. Another influencing factor was his lack of a complete formal education. In the meantime, and actually since 1927, Kernohan had been collecting numismatic specimens which were to be used in preparing illustrations for the charts. His ambitions as a coin collector had been given light in 1927 when he was given an 1859 cent.

The examples of paper currency used in illustrating the charts came from two sources; Kernohan's personal collection and items which were borrowed from the archives of Canada's chartered banks. His devotion to the money charts project is evidenced by the fact that he purchased a series 1935 Sir Wilfred Laurier \$1,000 note. In another instance he went to great pains to locate a specimen of an 1872 Dominion of Canada \$50.00 note. Though he was never able to obtain one, he was not stopped easily, as he again wrote a request to King George VI, one which would not be filled.

Finally, everything, the text and illustrations, had been assembled and prepared. All that remained was for the printing plates to be prepared. At this point the entire project ground to a halt as Kernohan could not obtain permission to have the banknotes reproduced. He was told finally and emphatically that it was against the law to print illustrations of currency in any way for any purpose whatsoever. However too much effort had been put in the project for Kernohan to allow it to drop easily. Two fruitless trips to Ottawa ensued, in which he personally petitioned the Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr. W.C. Clark. When all else failed, possibly no one but Will Kernohan would have considered petitioning the King of England. This letter which was quoted previously, brought results. A reply in the affirmative was received from the Governor-General of Canada.

Soon wheels were set in motion and the little man from Forest with the big idea for future Canadians received the permission he sought to print reproductions of certain early Canadian banknotes. This permission was received from the very man who had twice refused him, Dr. W.C. Clark. Now only one more problem remained to solve, and Kernohan felt that time was running out on him. Who would print the charts to suit him? After many inquiries and frustrating delays, the Hull Printing Co. of Winnipeg, Manitoba was selected to be responsible for the preparation of the plates and the printing. Kernohan's first letter to them was dated December 8, 1942, and it was not until April of 1947 that the first printed charts came off the press. The shortage of labour and the obtaining the right kind of paper slowed down the work. An additional influence was the great distance between the author and the printer. During the more than four years, Kernohan made two trips to Winnipeg personally to check proofs and layouts. Kernohan had shipped to Winnipeg the numismatic items to be used in the preparation of the illustrative plates. The engravers who made the plates refused to be responsible for the valuable coins and paper money in the collection, insisting that one of the brothers in the Hull printing firm pick them up each night. Each morning they were returned from the security vaults. The ritual continued until the job was completed. Finally, nine years after Will Kernohan first started work on "The History of Canada in Money" charts, they were ready for distribution. One of the first copies was sent to Princess Elizabeth, with appreciation and acknowledgement being made by the Governor-General on August 17, 1948.

Educators were immediately enthusiastic about the Kernohan money charts. They were requested by public schools, colleges, universities, libraries and museums. They were placed on display at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto through the efforts of Lieutenant E.A. Baker, co-founder of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, who were personally interested in the project.

Although Kernohan's family did not share his interest in the money charts, and couldn't understand his devotion to a project which did not interest them, his son Fred has a pair of them in his general store in Inwood, Ontario. Five years ago, coin collector, Carl Lehrbass of Alvinston, Ontario, noticed the charts hanging on the wall and asked about them. This brought to light another chapter in the history of the charts.

(The rest of this story will be told in the March issue.)

THIS 'N THAT-

Here it is already the end of another bulletin....We have several items which we wish to draw to your attention....Firstly-You will note that we have started to publish our list of numismatic books in the O.N.A. library.....We would ask members to refrain from ordering these books for the time being until our librarian has a chance to get settled in her new home.....Note to Hazel - Please advise Ye Ed when you will be ready to again start shipping books out so we can publish your new address.. Thanks Alan MacNab for your letter, will be writing to you in the very near future re your article.....O.N.A. forthcoming show-- 1. a confidential note to all who may be planning to attend the O.N.A. Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, May 10 and 11- Prudhomme's have advised me that any folks who are planning to stay Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights should be sure to book accommodations through our Accommodations Chairman, Robert Cassidy, 77 Pine St. N., Thorold, Ont., so that you can be sure of securing the special rates granted to the O.N.A. for this Convention.....2. Notice to Bourse Dealers - Already we have received some orders for bourse tables for the Convention. We would again advise early booking of bourse tables to take advantage of (a) first come best tables and (b) the \$10.00 or \$5.00 savings as previously stated (by March 15th-\$40.00 and April 15th-\$45.00, cheques may be postdated), orders to Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.... Notice to Bulletin Secretaries..We would respectfully remind you good folks that we would like club news, etc. at the latest by the 25th of the month, otherwise your news will be out of date by the time the next bulletin is issued...Thanks for your co-operation.....Please don't forget your nominations for the Award of Merit and equally important your nominations for the offices of the O.N.A. Executive for 1969-1971.... Also may we remind you of your membership dues now due.....

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CANADA'S TEN RAREST COINS

By John McKay-Clements

The Editor of Numismatic Newsletter, monthly publication of the Numismatic Literary Guild, Lee Martin, asked the question "What are the 10 rarest coins in the world"? Someone asked us and we gave them our opinion, but what is yours?" Needless to say I could not let this pass without putting in a nomination for our own Canadian coins. Then along comes the January 1969 issue of The Ontario Numismatist with the statement at the bottom of page 3 that the rarest Canadian coins are the \$10 and \$20. gold pieces struck at New Westminster, B.C. in 1862. The trouble is that they were No. 9 and No. 10 on my list.

Before I give you my list let me tell you at once that No. 1, I know, should be in the No. 6 position, but who could put what I consider to be the "King" of Canadian coins anywhere else but in the number one spot. I know this will spark quite an argument among Canada's collectors as to which are our ten rarest coins, that is why I am writing this for Pat Lambert, our own energetic Editor.

1. The Canadian Silver Dollar 1911. Two known.
2. Nova Scotia Penny token. Courteau 361A. See The Numismatist, February 1922, page 67. Unique.
3. Breton 999. ships, Colonies & Commerce token, believed unique.
4. Breton 672. $\frac{1}{2}$ Penny Bouquet token, 1837. Unique.
5. Breton 898. Robert Hopwood & Sons token 1852. Believed to be unique.
6. Breton 712. Bouquet Sou. 2 known.
7. Sovereign minted in Canada. 1916C. I know of four.
8. Breton 501. French Regime. 15 Sols 1670. Breton says "This is one of the rarest of Canadian coins".
9. Breton 934. British Columbia 20 Dollars 1862, gold. Breton says "Only 1 or 2

known, I know of two in private collections, perhaps two in B.C. Archives.

10. Breton 935. British Columbia 10 Dollars, 1962, gold. Same note as for No. 9.

Now to add fuel to the fire I should note that to make my list valid, it must first be conceded that a genuine trade token is a coin. I say it is, and to strengthen my argument I would point out that most of our modern coinage are really nothing but trade tokens. Next, someone will say that I should not have included a pattern, but we are speaking of coins, and that pattern at the head of the list is definitely a coin struck from coin dies and would have been issued later if things had taken their normal course.

Some of my friends will leap onto Item 7. I can hear them saying, "The Sovereigns are British Coins". True but the 1916 C was minted in Canada from Canadian gold and is therefore part of the Canadian numismatic scene, certainly as much as Item 8 which was minted in France but was legal currency here (so was the 1916 C sovereign). Item 5 will come in for its share of criticism on the grounds that it was struck for a firm intending to do business in Nova Scotia but which never "got off the ground". Breton claims that two were seen among the Canadian coins in an English collection. Its listing in Breton stakes a claim for its position in Canadian numismatics until somebody proves the claim to be wrong.

Items 9 and 10, in my collection, are filled by Silver-Gilt patterns from the Kuner estate, while positions 4 and 6 are empty. I thought I had a chance of filling the No. 6 position at the recent Sotheby & Co. (Canada) Ltd., sale in Toronto but unfortunately the coin listed proved to be wrongly attributed. Now you have my idea of Canada's top ten, what are yours?

DID YOU KNOW -

The world's largest form of currency was the giant holed-stone disc called Fe used on the island of Yap in the Pacific....It sometimes reached a diameter of 12 feet----A medium-sized stone disc was worth one wife.

A dealer in foreign money is known as a cambist.

Gold is hardened by adding copper so that coins will not be worn away by handling.

SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT - The Ontario Numismatic Association would appreciate it if any member having knowledge of another member in their club or any other club that shows potential as a speaker would advise KEN PROPHET CFMTC CFB BORDEN, BORDEN, Ontario so a list of speakers may be prepared.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION - MAY 10 and 11, 1969

PRUDHOMME'S GARDEN CENTRE MOTEL - ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

- A - JUNIOR - Includes all numismatic materials entered by a junior collector under 18 years of age.
- B - CANADIAN COINS - Decimal coins of Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
- C - TOKENS - Medals and Medallions - Singly or Combined.
- D - CANADIAN CURRENCY - All official Canadian Paper Money.
- E - TOPICAL - A common theme - (people, buildings, trees, metals, animals, etc).
- F - WORLD CURRENCY - Official Foreign Paper Money.
- G - WORLD COINS - Coins of the world.
- H - ERRORS - Errors occurring in the official production of numismatic material.
- J - MISCELLANEOUS - All material that is not specified in other categories.
- K - GRAND AWARD - Determined by judging all displays WINNING A FIRST in categories A to J.

RECOMMENDATION - Inform judges on a separate note about complimentary material in display or background information on making display.

NOTE - The Display Chairman's decision as to category will be final. Displays will be judged according to the display rules.

PLEASE - read these rules carefully and exhibit by these standards. All displays will be numbered so the judges will not know the names of the exhibitors.

CASES - Ontario Numismatic Association cases and locks will be available. Inside measurements: 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches deep. (Size of display board).

AWARDS - Trophy winners will be determined by highest average points in each respective category. Ribbons will be awarded to all winning displays for First, Second and Third positions.

POINT SYSTEM - 30 points - information; 10 points each - eye appeal, neatness, originality, condition, rarity, completeness, special - Total - 100 points.

CHECK YOUR CATEGORIES -- DISPLAY BY RULES -- YOU CAN WIN -- GOOD LUCK

NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBS

BAY OF QUINTE - The sunday meeting was spent in wheeling and dealing and eating one of the members date squares - a good idea. The Thursday evening meeting was given over to a talk by Charlie Miller on the cleaning and preserving of coins and bills.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB - The February meeting was featured as "Bring Something to the Auction" and "Bring A Friend". Two good ideas.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB - The theme of the February meeting is "ODD AND CURIOUS". Everyone brought any odd or curious coins they had and the O.N.A. slide "Odd and Curious" was shown. Time was spent planning for the Spring Show on April 12th. Sure to be a big and interesting time.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

February meeting was election night but to date we have not received the results. Will publish them next month, we hope.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB - The Audio-Visual "Wampum to Decimal Coins", part #4, produced by Lloyd T. Smith. This told of the coins and tokens of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. The O.N.A. Directors Howard Whitfield and Charlie Laister addressed the members on the advantages of belonging to the O.N.A.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB - Ye Ed apologizes for getting the wrong dates of the Kingston meetings. They are on MONDAY NIGHTS not Sunday. Thanks, Fred.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Mr. Fred Measor presented an interesting talk on "Coins of the Baltic States". This talk was to have been given in January but was postponed due to the small attendance, Bad Weather. The rest of the meeting was thrown open for discussion and proved very interesting.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB - The last meeting enjoyed a "Howard Hill Quiz" which was very enlightening and also had a fine auction thrown in.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB - Ottawa tells us there are only five bourse tables left for their May 3 and 4 Show. Guy Potter gave a talk on his recent trip to the Channel Islands. He told of a medal he had had in his collection for over 30 years and while in London cleared up the mystery about it. The medal turned out to be commemorating the capture of Belle Isle in 1761. His copy is uncirculated in Brass and unknown in that metal up to now.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB - At the February meeting a preview of some of the material to be auctioned off at the joint meeting of the Canadian Paper Money Society and Toronto Coin Club later this month. Then at the second meeting of the month the results of the above auction was reviewed.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB - Most of the meeting was given over to further preparations for the Coin Show March 22nd at which the doors will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. Keep this in mind.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB - 73 members and 19 visitors enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk by Vic Potter on Medical and Military Medals. Vic is a member of the Canadian Society of Military Medals and his collection is over 200 medical and military medals. The usual auction was much enjoyed. Dennis Jessome suggested a petition be sent to the mint to protest the coins now being minted and that the minting of proof-like sets be resumed.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - A panel discussion "What's My Coin" produced by Rod Rekofski of the O.N.A. provoked much discussion. Also Mr. Tyler gave a talk outlining the "Pool Project".

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The topic for the meeting was "Money Minters" presented by George Kerhoulas. The club was saddened by the passing of charter member #6, Mr. Russ Lumley, who joined the Club in January, 1963.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB - The Club is getting ready for its Seventh Annual Coin Show, April 27th and these will be the display categories: Canadian, British Empire and Commonwealth, Foreign Coinage, Paper Money, Medals, Miscellaneous, Junior and Grand Award. Auction lists may be obtained from Auction, Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB - Special feature for last meeting a short movie feature-oral coin quiz-auction-instruction on the O.N.A. point-judging system.

TORONTO COIN CLUB - The February meeting was joint with the Canadian Paper Money Society and a very interesting auction was held. The policy of the Mint with respect to the 1968 Canadian dollar was discussed. The meeting nominated Mr. J.J. Pittman for the position of Vice-President of the A.N.A.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY - This meeting was the Tenth Anniversary meeting and they had the same talk "Fifty Cent Pieces" or "Half Dollars" given by Bill English as was given ten years ago at their first meeting. Bill was their first president and is now President of the O.N.A. They also had a big "Tenth Anniversary Cake".

WELLAND COIN CLUB - The February meeting featured a Donation Auction of Coins, paper money and books dealing with coins. They are trying to build up their club by featuring having each member bring someone to the meeting who is interested in coins and in becoming a member of their club. Good work, Welland.

WINDSOR COIN CLUB - Sends us the following list of officers for the coming year - President - Mrs. Carlyn Querbach, Vice-President-Raymond Simrak, Secretary - Kenneth Annett, Treasurer-Guy Jamieson, Editor-Carl W. Querbach.

NOMINATION LIST FOR THE 1969 - 1970 EXECUTIVE OF THE O.N.A.

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Area 10 - Elliott Jephson.	

The above nominations have been received by the nominating committee and will stand for election.

1968 MINT FIGURES RECENTLY RELEASED - THANKS TO MR. HOWCROFT of
the Huronia Numismatic Society

1¢ - 329,600,000 pcs.	5¢ - 99,200,000 pcs.
10¢ - 107,000,000 pcs.	25¢ - 88,000,000 pcs.
50¢ - 3,900,000 pcs.	1.00 - 9,900,000 pcs.
Proof-like sets - 500,000	Proof-like dollars - 875,000
1968 dated .500 fine 25¢ - 71,500,000	
1968 dated .500 fine 10¢ - 70,500,000	

The following is a letter received from Alex Munro, First Vice-President which is self-explanatory---

Mr. Wm. English,
P. O. Box 4
Waterloo, Ontario.

April 2nd, 1968

Dear Bill,

During the last few months it has become evident to me and I am sure obvious to you that I am not fulfilling the office of first vice-president of the O.N.A. in the manner which it deserves.

This is a fact which disturbs me a great deal since it is my sincere conviction that one should not occupy an office as a matter of prestige only to be discarded when inconvenient.

The time has come however, when I must face facts, and realize that the exigencies of my work, which could not be anticipated a year ago have become such that I am not able to fill an office which by its nature demands I should be available at stated times.

In all fairness to you and the O.N.A., therefore, I am obliged to tender my resignation from the post. This is not an easy thing for me to do since I am aware how much work there is to be done and how worthwhile it is but it is obvious from the developments in my work during the last months that I will have less spare time in the future than I have had in the past.

Needless to say I will help in any way when I can but even now I have to hedge any promises to give a talk or to act as a judge by the warning that I may not be available when the date comes around.

I have enjoyed very much my service with the O.N.A. and the friendships I have made, and I sincerely regret that I will not have the time to carry on.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Alex (A.L.Munro).

Our President's reply to the above letter --

Mr. Alex Munro,
3703 Kingston Rd.,
Scarborough, Ontario

April 8, 1968

Dear Alex,

Your letter of resignation was read with regret at our last executive meeting at Don Flick's last Wednesday.

First I want to thank you personally for a job well done on behalf of the O.N.A. You have helped in so many ways to make our association. Your talks, displays and judging (mostly head judge), plus all the extra time at the C.N.E. during our initial participation has been invaluable.

With the pressure of business, which must come first, we know you still want to help but are unable to do so as much as you would like.

Alex, we know you cannot get away from the hobby and look forward to your active participation when time permits.

Sincerely,

Signed - Bill English, President.

(N.B. - This is the reason why Friend Alex is no longer on the Executive until some time in the future).

CANADA'S HISTORY CHARTED WITH MONEY

(continued from February issue)

It develops that after nine years of labour and a sizeable expenditure in money, the charts were nearly lost. With the elder Kernohan dying in 1961, Fred moved to Inwood with the charts, storing them in an uncle's barn. The roof leaked and some of the charts were nearly ruined other ones were, and the uncle was going to burn the rest.

Although he had no personal interest in the money charts, Fred removed them from the barn and stored them in his room, as being Scottish he had a saving nature. Also, he knew only too well how hard his father had worked on them, and how much money they cost, as he had guided his father on the fruitless trips to Ottawa when he was seeking permission to illustrate the examples of Canadian currency.

Originally intended as a visual aid to be used in schools to encourage interest in Canadian history, time has converted the Kernohan money charts to relics which the coin collector relishes. On these charts Kernohan made no attempt to provide a complete history of all of Canada's currency. Rather, it was his intent to present reproductions of both coins and notes representing the principal events in Canada, her industries and resources.

There are two charts, both printed on two sides. The first chart begins by tracing Canada's history through its currency from 1534 when Jacques Cartier landed on the shores of the St. Lawrence, making acquaintance with the natives of North America and their wampum. It was interesting to note that a "wampum belt" owned by Kernohan was actually given to him by his old thorn, Dr. Clark.

The second charts presents the story of Canada's circulating currency from the era of Queen Victoria up through the World War II victory coins of 1945. The back side of this chart presents a chronological outline of the significant events in Canadian history from 1534 through 1945.

Each coin or note illustrated on the four chart faces represents a development in Canada's then 411 year history. The illustrations include Canada's first paper money, the French card money, beaver money, coins of the French regime, an early Hudson's Bay Company note, provincial halfpenny and penny and tokens, and Prince Edward Island's doughnut-shaped "Holey Dollar" of 1786.

Also illustrated are the British Columbia \$20. gold coins of 1862, the Magdalen Island one penny token of 1815 and 20-cent and half cent coins issued during the reign of Queen Victoria. A large variety of notes are illustrated, including a 25-cent shinplaster, a \$4. bill, depicting the Earl and Lady Minto and Canada's highest denomination, a \$1,000. note.

One can observe that perhaps Will Kernohan was a man who lived before his time. He had a consuming idea that few could grasp but, because he had a vision instead of sight, was stubbornly Irish and fiercely Canadian, we have his "The History of Canada in Money."

It is more than another collector's item; it is the only work of its kind in the world.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- March 22 - Richmond Hill Annual Spring Show in the Lions Hall from 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.
- March 22 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Sixth Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- March 29 & 30 - Waterloo Coin Society Annual Banquet and Coin Show. General Chairman-Wilf Erb, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont. Dealers welcome.
- April 12 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show at the Hotel Quinte, Corner Bridge and Pinnacle Streets, Belleville. President - "Duke" Parry, Box 125, Belleville, Ontario.
- April 19 - Hamilton Coin Club Spring Show and Banquet, Saturday, April 19, at the Bol-O-Drome Banquet Centre, General Chairman-Arthur Honour, Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton, Bourse Chairman-Gord McComb, 415 Erindale St., Burlington. Reserve early.
- April 20 - Chatham Coin Club First Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman-David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham and Exhibit Chairman-Walter Neuman, Port Alma, Ontario.
- April 26 - Huronia Numismatic Association of Barrie Annual Coin Show on Saturday, at Trinity Hall, Collier St., Barrie from 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. Write to P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario,
- April 27 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show in the Parish Hall, from 1:00 to 7.00 p.m. 8 display categories, bourse dealers and auction. Contact Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario,
- May 3 & 4 - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman-H.A. Burton; Bourse Chairman-Paul Sullivan; Exhibits Chairman - Don MacRae.
- May 7 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Banquet .
- May 10 & 11 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, St. Catharines. Host Club-St. Catharines Coin Club. Bourse Chairman-Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines or write to P.O. Box 33, Waterloo. Chairman-Pat Lambert, 57 Emmett Rd., St. Catharines. Dealers get your tables, they are going fast.
- June 7 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre Auditorium, Mutual St., Ingersoll. Guest speaker-John J. Pitman. For bourse and further information write to-Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll, Ontario
- June 24 - Strawberry Social at which there will be Adult and Junior Displays. Information from Mr. Dave Gordon in care of the club or by telephone 279-5219. Port Credit Coin Club, Port Credit, Ontario.
- July 13 - Port Huron Coin Club-Bluewater International Coin Show. More details when received from club.
- Sept. 28 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show. Later details.
- Oct. 4 & 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Banquet and Coin Show. Details later.

The Ontario Numismatic Association Audio-Visual Report for the Year 1968

The O.N.A. had thirty-two member Clubs in 1968 with twenty-four of the clubs making use of the Audio-Visual Slide service. Fifty-five sets of slides were obtained by the twenty-four clubs during the year. Canadian Large Cents, #B23, By Lloyd T. Smith, being the most in demand as it was out eleven times. Port Credit Coin Club used the slides the most of any of the clubs, they had five sets during the year.

All Clubs do not send in a service report when returning the slides, I wish they would. Of those that had fifty-five sets of slides only thirty-three reports were received showing that 829 adults and 119 juniors viewed the slides. Twelve requests were received for the month of November, the most of any month of the year.

I am sure that those that did see any of the slides, got some good information out of viewing them. I wish that all the clubs that use the Audio-Visual service would fill out and return the service report that is sent out with each set of slides when returning the slides.

Thank you,

Chas. B. Laister, Audio-Visual Service,
No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, Ont.

The following is a list of the slides in the Audio-Visual Library -

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A.V.# B23	Canadian Large Cents	Kit Loner Coin Club

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THIS 'N THAT -

A thank you to John McKay-Clements for his thought-provoking article on Canada's 10 rarest coins....Replies for or against invited....Many thanks for the excellent response of our many readers for articles for our Bulletin...We received enough items for March and April...How about some for May...Speaking of articles..A few remarks addressed to our kind friends the editors of the club news, some of whom still send your Club News to our old address "Box 33, Waterloo". This entails double work, double postage and in many instances results in the club news not being published due to late arrival which, to us, is the worst sin of all. We are here to publish the news of your clubs' activities but can only do this if we get the news on time...So please send direct to "57 Emmett Road, St. Catharines" to arrive not later than the 25th of the month, and lastly check your lists and cross out Box 33, Waterloo....Thanks.... Will clubs who are holding banquets, coin shows, etc. please give our display case chairman, Walter Holst, your case requirements at least EIGHT weeks in advance of your show date to permit him to make up his schedule, etc..i.e.. March, April, May and June have 15 coin shows scheduled, many of whom will require cases, so to avoid disappointment, help us to help you make your show an even greater success by having sufficient display cases....Fred Barley, our display chairman for the forthcoming O.N.A. Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre. makes a request to the effect that all those who require cases and intend to exhibit, please advise Fred, c/o 162 Lake Street, St. Catharines, how many cases you will require...Here again we want to make sure every display exhibitor have sufficient display cases....Any of our readers who live in the Kitchener-Waterloo area and are free between 4.00 and 4.30 on Tuesday afternoons may be interested in watching President Bill English do his TV act over CKCO-TV, Channel 13, Bill talks about coins, etc. and, we believe, is building himself quite a fan club.....All for now...See you in April.....Bona Snowshoes

Ye Ed.



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KNOW YOUR COINS BETTER

(Talk by Lloyd T. Smith)

Many times, we have heard the terms numismatist, collector and accumulator, and most of us fall into one or more of these categories. Each term is tied in with the others to some extent, particularly if you have been collecting for some years.

We have just experienced a period of change in coin collecting, accompanied by a definite recession in the investment field. During this period we saw some of the larger coin dealers go into bankruptcy or sell out at a loss. Most clubs experienced some loss of membership as the would-be investors left the fold to seek out other get-rich-quick schemes.

For more than ten years, the advanced collectors and numismatists have been urging newer collectors to diversify their interests for more enjoyment in our hobby. Actually, the many dealers, hoarders and accumulators who sought to control the coin market and so force prices continually upward, not only have brought about their own defeat, but have helped us immensely in our bid to encourage diversified collecting.

So, we see that the recent apparent set-back is actually a transition period, separating the true collectors from the investors, giving promise of a more stable hobby and a much keener interest in the numismatic or research aspect. There is now a greater attempt by most collectors to learn more about their coins.

The point system of judging has been largely responsible for increased research and imparting information. This gains points for the exhibitor, increases his numismatic knowledge and supplies the viewing public with a better understanding of our purpose.

Many club members have limited themselves because they think of authoritative books on numismatics as somewhat unapproachable or forbidding. We know that not every coin

collector will become a numismatist; not because it is too difficult, but because many are somewhat confused as to the direction they should take and, even when given sound direction, may still hesitate because of the time and effort required.

Guide books and catalogues listing mintage figures, values and a little numismatic information form a good starting point, but these are only a basic guide. It is not possible to learn everything about a particular field of numismatics from these basic guides, so the collector must go on and on, advancing to the more technical books. Thanks to many of the world's leading numismatists, there is now an ample supply of such books available, written in easy to understand language.

In getting to know your coins better, your excitement will increase in proportion to your search for more information. You will occasionally experience the thrill of finding some new or half-forgotten fact and, depending on the depth of research, you will be able to relay information to others through your displays.

The greatest satisfaction comes when you feel that you are on an equal footing with more advanced numismatists, when you are considered to be an expert in your field.

Even though many numismatists have already explored each area in depth, it is still possible to uncover useful information that will benefit the hobby and the finder of this information has the personal satisfaction of giving a little to advance numismatics.

It is not possible to over-emphasize the educational aspect of collecting as it adds so much to the relaxation and enjoyment our hobby can bring. Just as we remember the pleasure of starting our collections, we gain added satisfaction when we know our coins better.

One way to develop a better knowledge of our coins is to make notes for each coin or type. When you have gleaned all the information from your guide books and catalogues, advance to the many books available in your club library, O.N.A. or C.N.A. Continue to make notes and keep a file of clippings from coin papers and magazines, or make a note of the source and page if you do not wish to mutilate the copy. One can even make notes from information supplied in displays prepared by others.

Another method is to try to write short articles of 300 or 400 words on as many coins or series of coins as possible. Research your material, making notes from the various sources at hand and bring the information together so that it will be concise, yet as informative as space will allow. Try to complete one article of this length each week and you will soon find that you not only know more about coins, but will have developed

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an ability to present informative articles for others to read and enjoy. This is the way a coin columnist must work, gathering his information from every source, wringing out the essence, making recent comparisons or parallels wherever possible and publishing for his readers what he hopes will be another article of interest. Often, a 300-400 word article that requires only 5-10 minutes of reading time may take several hours to prepare, but in this time the columnist has probably learned a few important facts of numismatics previously unknown to himself.

As we gradually improve our knowledge of coins, it becomes possible to write longer articles, suitable for club talks or for publications. We can also develop the ability to supply the correct amount of information in an exhibit, so that the viewers will stop to read about the coins in each display case. Too much information in a display case can be just as poor as no information, as many viewers will not take the time to read everything.

I think we are all desirous of a continuing growth in all clubs and would like to do our part to bring greater pleasure to our hobby. I believe that one way we can accomplish this aim is to know our coins better. Knowledge is the most profitable investment we can make; sharing knowledge pays the best dividends.

(With thanks to the Editor of the London Numismatic Society)

An "Open Answer" to John McKay-Clements

I do not usually answer some of the many ridiculous claims that I have heard and read, but, to call "Tokens" our "Coins" or vice-versa just goes against the grain.

However, I fully agree that Nos. 1,7,9 and 10 are all Canadian coins, and exceptionally rare. The above numbers were named "Coins", made as such, and were made of Canadian materials, etc. To my mind, tokens are tokens, and coins are coins. You cannot extract certain tokens and call them coins without calling "all" tokens coins.

Several years ago, our President, Bill English, ruled that "transportation tickets and tokens" were numismatic items, and could be displayed at coin shows as "Tokens". This included the paper tickets as well. Now, how would it sound if somebody claimed that these transportation items were coins? Very silly, indeed. Personally, I will never concede that a trade token, of any sort, is a coin. It does represent a coin, but that is as far as it goes.

Items 9 and 10 in my collection are "copies" and are in golden-gilt and bronze. I cannot lay claim to owning any of the other "Tokens".

What amazes me is why the variety Canadian coin, the 1936 dot, was not mentioned, (only 4 known), both of the cent, and the 1936 ten cent piece. Then we have the famous 1921 Canadian half dollar. Granted, there may be 50 known, but what is that from a mintage figure of some 206,398, and how many of those 50 "known" pieces have been certified as genuine?

In this so-called modern world of to-day, where everything and everybody, including those in high places, seems to be going "haywire", let us keep a level head in numismatics, and "call a spade a spade", and a "token a token".

I shouldn't be at all surprised if the article on page 21 of the March issue of the Ontario Numismatist was responsible for the postal workers going on strike again due to "overwork in the handling of mail

addressed to our hard-pressed Editor, my good friend, Pat Lambert.

(Signed) Ricky R, Morse-O.N.A.

Director - Area #6.

(Note from Ye Ed "Phew)

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- April 5 - Central Coin Club Annual Show at the Westbury Hotel, Yonge St.,
& 6 Toronto. No further details available.
- April 12- Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show at the
Hotel Quinte, Corner Bridge and Pinnacle Streets, Belleville,
Ont. President-"Duke" Parry, Box 125, Belleville, Ontario.
- April 19 - Hamilton Coin Club Spring Show and Banquet, Saturday,
April 19, 1969, For information write to P.O. Box 325,
Station "B", Hamilton, Ontario.
- April 20- Chatham Coin Club First Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn,
Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman - David Cregg,
192 Richmond St., Chatham, Exhibit Chairman- Walter Neuman,
Port Alma, Ont.
- April 26- Huronia Numismatic Association of Barrie Annual Coin Show on
Saturday, at Trinity Hall, Collier St., Barrie, from 12.00
to 10.00 p.m. For further information write to P.O. Box 243,
Barrie, Ontario.
- April 26- Nickel Belt Coin Club Third Annual Coin & Stamp Show, Saturday
at the President Hotel, 99 Elm St. W., Sudbury, Ont. from
10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m. Bourse dealers and exhibitors welcome.
- April 27 -Stratford Coin Club Annual Show in the Parish Hall.
- May 3 & - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376
4 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman - H.A. Burton: Bourse Chair-
man - Paul Sullivan; Exhibits Chairman - Don MacRae.
- May 7 - Sarnia Numismatic Annual Banquet will be held on May 7th. at
the Chalet Motel. Convenors-Mr. & Mrs. Howard Browning and
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Williamson.
- May 10 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre,
& 11 Vineland, host club-St. Catharines Coin Club. Chairman - Pat
Lambert & Lloyd Dorsey. Bourse Chairman-Howard Hill, 1 Hayes
Ave., St. Catharines or write P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ont.
The C.N.V.C.A. will be guests of the O.N.A. at this Convention
with a special category for Varieties in the exhibits. For
further details contact the President, Ricky Morse.
- June 7 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Ingersoll
& District Memorial Centre Auditorium, Mutual St., Ingersoll, Ont
Guest Speaker-John J, Pittman. Bourse dealers contact Alan
Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll, Ont.

- Sept. 28 - Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. General Chairman- Norm Scott; Bourse Chairman- Rudy Brill; Display Chairman- Don McKelvie and Fred Hurley.
- Oct. 4 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Banquet and Coin Show, More
& 5 details later.
- Oct. 25 - Windsor Coin Club Annual Show, Saturday & Sunday at the
& 26 L. Norton-Palmer Hotel. Bourse dealers contact Carl Querbach, 80-1800 Columbia Court, Windsor 21, Ont. Show from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Sunday.

A 1968 CANADIAN DOLLAR VARIETY

In January, 1969, while searching through about 500 nickel dollars to find some without bag scratches, I discovered irregularities in the letters "D.G. REGINA" on the Obverse of some coins.

The first slight breakdown of the die appeared on the upper right of the "R" in REGINA, and as it got worse both "G"'s broke down, then the "D" showed and finally some appeared around the "E", that is small arrows.

My theory is that sufficient slope was not given the sides of the letters and as a result the hard nickel chipped off corners of the die around these letters.

In the 500 pieces I found about 100 coins that have definitely been re-engraved as the irregular marks are gone and the right edges of some letters have been touched up and it should be noted that the two dots and the "N" have also been touched up. If you are looking at your coins you may have to use a glass at first but once you find one you will be able to see them with the naked eye. I hope all who find some will let me know how many so I can give a rough estimate of how many exist from this particular die, before it was discarded.

Thanks to - J. E. Roberts, CNA 4830, P.O. Box 6011, Station "J",
Ottawa, Ontario.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB Seventh Annual Coin Show notice just received so here are the details. It is to be held in the Parish Hall, Huron St., on Sunday, April 27th from 1.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Exhibits received until 2.00 p.m. There are 3 Categories - Canadian, British Empire and Commonwealth, Foreign Coinage, Paper Money, Medals, Miscellaneous, Junior with the Gordon Steed Trophy and the Grand Award for the President's Trophy. Auction lists on request from-Auction, Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario. Special auction of 1864 Newfoundland Pattern One Cent Piece. Good Luck, Stratford.

In Passing -

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD COIN CLUB

Guest speaker at the last meeting was Mr. Richard Shaver of Scotland, Ont., who gave an outline of Indian life and the tools they used for tilling the land, weapons for hunting and fishing and the items they used for bartering. He had a display of 16th century French axes, crosses and arrowheads.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

The highlight was a talk by Ed Forrest on his trip to France for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge with a display of medals. Alexei Makarov also gave a talk on the History of Russian Coinage including the small coins known as "louse" coinage.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB

An interesting article on the no island 1968 nickel dollar was read. A life membership was presented to Mrs. Dorothy Horne. It was decided to have a social evening for the April meeting.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

Guest speaker at the March meeting was Fred Jewett, President of the Toronto Coin Club and he gave an interesting talk on collecting and housing paper money. He brought a 9 case display with some of his variety collection.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The slate of officers for 1969 are - President - Howard Johnston; Vice-President - Steve Wiggins; Secretary - Richard Ford; Treasurer - Cecil Sharpe, Librarian - Harold Cusden; Editors - Norm Howcroft and William Gage, Directors - Sid Woodward. Main topic was a briefing of the members of various aspects of having such a show as the O.N.A. Convention.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The audio-visual slides "From Wampum to Decimal Currency Part 4 by Lloyd T. Smith was enjoyed. Howard Whitfield and Charlie Laister of the O.N.A. gave talks, Howard on the advantages of being an O.N.A. member and Charlie on the audio-visual slides and their use.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

Most of the meeting was spent with final arrangements for the coin show even though it is not until October. There was also an interesting auction. Next month will feature slides of various kinds of coins,

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

An interesting and informative quiz on coins ancient and modern was held by the president. There was also a good and profitable auction.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The March meeting featured a talk by Ricky Morse on "Goodfellowship in Numismatics" and dealt with various ingredients that go into making a successful coin club. Also a lively auction.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Main event of the meeting was a coloured slide presentation of heraldry on Canada's heritage "The Canadian Coat of Arms". An interesting guest was present from the Moncton N.E. Society. Also plans were discussed for the banquet on May 7th and a token known as the "Gimmel Token" was donated to be on display in the city hall by George Smith whose son was the founder of the Sarnia Observer in 1852.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB

Ed. Stahley reported on the O.N.A. and Ted Bree donated a picture he has done in copper for the Coin Show. It was mentioned for as many as possible to watch the "Big Al" show on Tuesdays between 4.00 and 4.30 p.m. as it features Bill English on Coins. CKCO TV 13.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

William Arch gave an interesting talk on Indian Wampum. He is adopted member of the Mohawk Tribe. The April meeting is to be devoted to juniors with no senior displays, only junior ones to give them experience in arranging displays. A lively auction was led by Lloyd Dorsey.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

A talk on "little nickels" by A. O'Neil was the special feature and the members brought their silver, nickel and bronze nickels to help out the display. Also final plans for the Banquet on March 22nd were made.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

A special half-hour movie in colour "Once Upon A Circus Tale" courtesy of the Lufthansa Airlines was seen and Bob Aaron of the CNVCA gave a talk on the mints of Europe and showed some slides of the European mints.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

In keeping with the month Russell Martel arranged a program on "Irish Coins" and this talk was given by Alex Munro.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Both the I.E.I. Numismatic Association and the Halifax Coin Club report a very good 1968. The following article on the "Bluenose" appeared in the Halifax Club News. "It seems strange that in so many instances local works of art, writings and historical artifacts are ignored by collectors and even governments, until it is too late. Many times it is not until these items have left the local scene or even the country, that someone says that item should not have been allowed to leave here, the government should restore it. Nova Scotian interests, and specifically the Government of Nova Scotia certainly missed the boat in acquiring the bell of the original schooner Bluenose. Printed below is a letter sent to the Atlantic Advocate, published in Fredericton, New Brunswick by the University Press.

Bell of the Bluenose

Sir:

Now that Captain Walters is gone, the public should know the whereabouts of the bell of the Bluenose.

Some years ago the Executive of the Maritime Provinces Association Edmonton, tried to secure a ship's bell for the Association. The then very active Secretary, J.V. Dodds wrote Captain Walters if he could secure one. Captain Walters had just previously offered the Bluenose to the Government of Nova Scotia at a price, but no action taken, so Captain Walters shipped the bell to Mr. Dodds, and it was to become, and it remains the property of the Maritime Provinces Association of Edmonton.

Mr. Dodds and the then Association President, J. H. Brown, had the bell mounted on an oaken stand. The bell, a valued relic, is always on display at our Annual Banquet, in Edmonton.

M.A. McLeod, Past President,
M.P. Association, Edmonton, Alberta.

Due to the necessity of an early Bulletin this month any clubs who did not get their news in on time will be given extra space next month.

COIN CLUB MEETING PLACES

WATERLOO COIN CLUB - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the new Waterloo Public Library Building, Albert Street, Waterloo, Ont.

PRESTON COIN CLUB - meets every fourth Monday at 8.00 p.m. in St. Johns Anglican Church, Queen & Argyle Streets, Preston, Ontario

KITCHENER COIN CLUB - meets the second Sunday of the month at 2.00 p.m. in the Breidhaupt Centre, Margaret Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario.

NEW MEMBERS

The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the May issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

715 Walter E. Wood, Box 478, Aylmer, Ontario

716 John E. Sands, 14 Gregory Drive East, Chatham, Ontario

717 Mrs. Beth Beresford, 195 Releigh Dr., Apt. 515, Toronto 16, Ont.

718 George Shave, R.R.#3, Wainfleet, Ontario

719 Jack Veffer, 199 Haddington Ave., Toronto 12, Ontario

720 Steve Renard, 191 Grace Street, Toronto, Ontario

721 R. J. Dickinson, 263 Clinton Street, Toronto 4, Ontario.

722 Roy Longo, 78 Drexford, Scarborough, Ontario.

C63 Welland District Coin Club, c/o Jack Jackson, 1178 Roberts Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

THE MAGDALEN ISLAND PENNY

This token is shown in Breton's catalogue as number 520 and in Charlton as #17. It is made of copper 34mm in diameter and quite thick. Although Sir Isaac Coffin, the owner of the Island by gift of the British in 1787, did order a number of tokens and a coin press in 1815, there is some doubt as to whether or not these were actually struck on the Island. There is no doubt, however, that these were the first tokens struck and used in what is now Canada.

The Obverse shows a seal within a circle, Magdalen Island Token in outer circle at the top with 1815 at the bottom. The Reverse has a fillett of cod within a circle and Success to The Fisheries in the outer circle with One Penny at the bottom.

Sir Isaac was prevented from striking a halfpenny when officially notified that the right to coin money belonged to the Crown. Soon afterwards he left the Island never to return. In 1903 a Magdalen Island Company bought the Islands from the Coffin heirs. The Government of Canada then assisted the inhabitants to repurchase their land from the Company, thus giving them control of their own affairs for the first time since 1787. The Islands (16) have an area of 55,000 acres and the majority of the inhabitants are of Acadian descent. The Islands are part of Quebec's Gaspé County.

Sir Isaac Coffin, a native of Nantucket Island, Mass., remained loyal to Great Britain and served as an Admiral during the war of 1812. He founded and endowed the Coffin School in Nantucket in 1827, which is still in operation. There is a wealth of information about these historical tokens in CNA Journals of Volumes 3-6; 5-8; and 8-6.

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Club News)

THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL

This medal is composed of nickel silver and 459,539 were produced. The number issued up to April 16, 1953 was 177,290. The obverse shows the standard crowned effigy of King George VI, as used on the War Medal; the reverse bears the Australian Coat of Arms, and the lettering "THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL" 1939-1945. The suspender is of the fixed straight type, the ribbon is dark blue, khaki and light blue, with intervening stripes of red. The colours represent the three services, and the Australian Mercantile Marine. The diameter is 1.42".

The Prime Minister of Australia announced the King's approval for the issue of this medal on Dec. 1, 1949. The qualifications are:-full time service of three years, provided that defence duty was performed on not less than sixty days during the part time service. Any full time service counted double towards the qualifying period of the three years in respect to part time service.

Members of the Australian Mercantile Marine receive the Medal after a qualifying period of 18 months at sea. Civilian members of the R.A.A.F. Reserve who flew over operational zones, official press representatives, photographers and all who served in uniform and were attached to the armed forces also qualify. Civil aircrew qualify after three flights over, or landings in a zone of military operations. Service whether full or part time terminating by death, wounds or any disability due to service was a qualification for the Medal. The Medal is worn after the War Medal, and was produced by private contract in Australia.

(Ottawa Coin Club)

THIS 'N THAT

I feel a word of explanation is necessary here to those of our member clubs and others who may find their club news absent this month, due to trying to get one more bulletin in the mail under the old postage rates we have brought things forward a whole week, so please, club editors, bear with us..... I believe a word is in order here to all clubs to please advise us as early as possible about your proposed coin shows, banquets, etc., to forestall any brickbats which might come ye ed's way.....I understand from Bourse Chairman, Howard Hill, that there are still a few tables left for our convention May 10 and 11, please contact Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines for further details.....Guess this is all for this month, folks, must get this in the mail.....See you in MAY, MAY be at Prudhomme's.

Ye Ed

HEAR YE ! HEAR YE ! HEAR YE ! KEEP MAY 10 & 11 th. FREE FOR THE O.N.A.'s

7th ANNUAL CONVENTION AT PRUDHOMMES GARDEN CENTRE HOTEL, VINELAND STATION, ONT.
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Many books are available at your library, or in the O.N.A. Library which can guide you on your way.

The Ontario Numismatic Association through its many services, tries to assist the collector in every way. We publish a monthly publication "The Ontario Numismatist"; have a library available for all members to use; supply Display Cases for shows; publicize coin shows; provide an Audio-Visual service for club meetings; strike a commemorative medal each year; provide a sterling silver lapel pin, and a special wall plaque; hold an annual Convention, plus many more services for you, the collector.

The Ontario Numismatic Association is a non-profit organization which depends on its members for support. In this way we can serve the collector and the hobby better.

If you are interested in our fascinating hobby, please fill in the application form attached. While you are at Coin Shows or Exhibitions we hope that you like what you see, and that you tell your friends so they may also get a better idea of the hobby of collecting coins.

Thank you,

Bill English

Bill English,
President,

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(RENEWAL) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario

Name (Print)

Address

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If accepted into membership of the Ontario Numismatic Association I will abide by its Constitution.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPELLED OR REFUSED MEMBERSHIP IN ANY NUMISMATIC CLUB OR ASSOCIATION

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Bill English, Pres.

This is really an open letter to all of our members, although the clubs in particular should take note.

The Ontario Numismatic Association, like the clubs, is a non-profit organization which is guided by many interested people who give freely of their time and, in many cases, money as well. We hope to get the enjoyment of helping to advance our wonderful hobby by making it better for all concerned. It is a two-way street and we must co-operate with all and by the same token co-operation is necessary between members and clubs.

We have had a few problems which we have tried to solve over the years. We cannot be dictatorial, we must guide, if we guide wrong, let us know what we do wrong and how we can correct our errors. On the other hand, we cannot cover all aspects of our hobby and be 100% correct but if we are 50 - 60 - 70 - 80% correct let us know how the other percentage can be improved. Let us not lose sight of what we have accomplished and throw it away on something new and untried.

One problem has been listing show dates. A letter from one club reads as follows :- "We have set Monday, April 32, 1968, as the date for our coin show. We would appreciate if the O.N.A. could keep that day free of shows, if possible." The O.N.A. can only list the date and ask all clubs to respect the club that announces its date first. We will try to assist in any way we can but we cannot and will not tell any club they can or can't hold a show on a specific date. It is to the advantage of all concerned to adjust as conflicting dates will affect the success of everyone involved.

Another problem is display categories, the judging point system, judging and displaying. Displays have improved

tremendously in the past few years and we have tried to standardize on many things. There are so many variables that to correlate them so all aspects would be consistant is nearly impossible. It is very important that the exhibitor understand the categories and read and understand the point system. It is also very necessary that the judges judge by the point system set down for the particular show they are involved in.

An exhibit symposium, chaired by District No. 2 Director, Arthur Honour, will be conducted at the delegates meeting on Sunday, May 11th, at 10.00 a.m. at Prudhomme's. We invite all clubs to send their delegate armed with suggestions for improvements. We will have a meeting of the minds between the judges, exhibitors and the non-exhibitors. All clubs pick a delegate now for this very important meeting. All O.N.A. club member delegates are invited to a free luncheon sponsored by the O.N.A. after the meeting. We invite all members or clubs to be represented and if they cannot be at our annual convention in person let us hear from you by mail.

Don't forget the date - May 10 and 11, 1969, Prudhomme's Garden Centre Hotel, or the address O.N.A., Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

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A word of explanation re the non-arrival of O.N.A. exhibit cases to two of our clubs recently is printed below:-

Canadian National Railways
119 Weber St. W.,
Kitchener, Ontario.
2 April, 1969.

Mr. William English,
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION,
Kitchener, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Regarding our conversation concerning two shipments forwarded on your behalf by Mr. Walter Holst of 4 Maple Court, Waterloo on March 18th, 1969 to Mr. C. J. Miedema, St. Thomas, Ontario and Mr. R. D. Bennett, Maple Ontario Depot.

Due to minor errors in completion of shipping contract our driver placed a hold order on these shipments and shipping contracts were given to our dispatcher who contacted Mr. Holst on March 19th and secured corrections to contracts. The dispatcher then placed shipments in position for forwarding to destination. Unfortunately, hold markings were not removed from shipment and same did not go forward but remained in our premises until March 24th, when delivered to the Walper Hotel.

The reason these displays did not reach their destinations on time is obviously the fault of this Company and I hope you will accept my apologies for our mishandling of these shipments.

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Signed-J. T. Bowler, Terminal Traffic

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CANADA'S TEN RAREST COINS

By Fred Bowman

The article by John McKay-Clements on this subject in the Ontario Numismatist of March 1969 opened up a subject which can be very controversial. We must first of all distinguish between the most valuable and the rarest Canadian coins. Undoubtedly the most valuable is the 1911 Canadian dollar followed closely by the British Columbia ten and twenty dollar gold pieces of 1862.

In 1926 Judge Reid of Vancouver listed the owners of nine twenty dollar and seven ten dollar pieces. In addition four or five silver specimens of each are known.

The rarest coins are not necessarily the most valuable. While most of them bring substantial prices, when available, they do not approach the extremely high prices asked for the really valuable pieces. Some of them have permanent homes in museums and so are completely out of reach of private collectors and cannot be classed as valuable because they are unobtainable.

We have listed below a number of coins of which only one or two specimens are known. Doubtless there are others which we have overlooked. In our list we have included not only coins, tokens, patterns and in one case, the New Brunswick 20 cent Wyon Obol piece which must be classed as a medalet. These are pieces which serious collectors are constantly looking for and so in our opinion should be included in a list of rare Canadian coins.

ONLY ONE SPECIMEN KNOWN

Double de la Merique, 1670 (Breton 503)

The only genuine known specimen is in a private collection.

Pro Bono Publico, Bouquet Sou $\frac{1}{2}$ penny, 1837 (Breton 672).

The only known specimen is in the Chateau de Ramezay Collection.

Canadian Ten Dollars, 1911. (Bowman Pattern 42). The only known specimen is in the Royal Mint Museum, London.

Canadian Ten Dollars, 1928. (Bowman Pattern 43). The only known specimen is in a private collection.

Nova Scotia half cent, small bust & roses, 186-, incomplete date. (Bowman Pattern 14). The only known specimen was in the H. Alexander Parsons collection.

Nova Scotia one cent, small bust & roses, 1861. (Bowman Pattern 8). The only known specimen went from the Weight sale in 1923 to the Brushfield sale in 1945 to the New Netherlands sale in 1960.

New Brunswick one cent, large bust & mayflowers, 1861. (Bowman Pattern 15). The only known specimen was offered in Spink's Circular in 1915, 1917 and 1937 and in the Brushfield sale in 1945.

New Brunswick ten cents, 1871. (Bowman Pattern 22). This piece went from the Montagu sale in 1892 to the Caldecott sale in 1912.

Newfoundland two dollars, 1865. (Bowman Pattern 34). This piece was offered in Spink's Circular in 1910 and is now in a private collection.

Newfoundland two dollars, 1870. (Bowman Pattern 35). The only known specimen is in the British museum.

Communion token - St. Andrews Church, Quebec. (Bowman 34). The only known specimen is in a private collection.

Communion token - Tarbet Nova Scotia. (Bowman 212A). The only known specimen is in a private collection.

ONLY TWO SPECIMENS KNOWN

Bouquet sou (Breton 712). One in the Chateau de Ramezay collection and one in a private collection.

Canada 1911 dollar. One specimen in the British museum and one in a private collection.

New Brunswick five cents, 1870. (Bowman Pattern 18). One from the Saward sale in 1910 to the Wickham collection and from there to Hans M.F.Schulman about 1950. One in the King Farouk sale in 1955.

New Brunswick 20 cents, 1862 reverse and G.W.Wyon obit on the obverse. (Bowman Pattern 23). One specimen in the Brushfield sale, 1945 and from there to the Chateau de Ramezay collection. One specimen from the New Netherlands Coin Co. sale in 1960 to the Schulman sale in 1963.

Newfoundland two dollars, 1864. (Bowman Pattern 32). One specimen from the Montagu sale in 1892 to the Murdoch sale in 1903, to the Caldecott sale in 1912. One specimen in the British museum.

Mule of the reverses of Breton 522, Bank of Montreal with Bank du Peuple, in silver. One specimen from the Murdock sale in 1903 to the W.W.C.Wilson collection sale in 1925. One specimen offered in Spink's Circular in 1927 and twice in 1946.

There are others of which only three or four specimens are known such as-
The Bank of Montreal front view halfpenny (B527) dated 1845 of which three are known.

The bust and harp token (B1012) dated 1825 of which probably only three are known.

The 1916 Canadian Sovereign of which Mr. McKay-Clements knows of four specimens.

Others in the Canadian Pattern series come under the category of only three or four specimens known.

There are also a number of bread, milk and trade checks of which very few have come to light.

We have a letter from John McKay-Clements in answer to Ricky Morse of the April issue and it will be printed next month due to limited space. Thanks for the interest shown in Mr. McKay-Clements article. Keep it up.

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the April issue have now been accepted and the following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the June issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

723 - Martin W. Lightenberg, 38 West Avenue South, Apt. 7,
Hamilton 20, Ontario.

724 - L. K. Coles, 212 Oxford Street, Ingersoll, Ontario.

725 - Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The following Life Members may now be added to our list:-

LM 9 - Leslie M. Allen, Box 104, Wiarton, Ontario.

LM 10 - Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, Ontario.

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PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- May 3-4 - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman - H.A. Burton; Bourse Chairman - Paul Sullivan, Exhibits Chairman - Don MacRae.
- May 7 - Sarnia Numismatic Annual Banquet will be held at the Chalet Motel. Convenors - Mr & Mrs. Howard Browning and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Williamson.
- May 10-11 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention and Banquet at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, Vineland, host club - St. Catharines Coin Club. Chairman & Co-Chairman - Pat Lambert & Lloyd Dorsey. Bourse Chairman - Howard Hill, 1 Hayes St., St. Catharines or write Box 33, Waterloo, Ont. The C.N.V.C.A. will be guests of the O.N.A. at this Convention with a special category for Varieties in the exhibits, further details from Ricky Morse.
- June 7 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Ingersoll & District Memorial Centre, Mutual St., Ingersoll, Ont. Guest Speaker - John J. Pittman. Bourse dealers contact Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll, Ontario.
- June 14 - Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association Tenth Annual Woodville Banquet in the Woodville Town Hall, doors open at 12 noon with dinner at 6.30. Guest Speaker - Mr. Fred C. Jewett, Auction and displays.
- Sept. 13 - London Numismatic Society, 18th Annual Show and Banquet, Carousel Motel. Enquiries to Wm. N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London, Ontario.
- Sept. 28 - Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. General Chairman - Norm Scott; Bourse Chairman - Rudy Brill; Display Chairmen - Don McKelvie and Fred Hurley.
- Oct. 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Auction and Coin Show. More details later. Chairman - Pat Collins, RR2, Petersburg Ontario.
- Oct. 25 & 26 - Windsor Coin Club Annual Show, Saturday and Sunday at Norton-Palmer Hotel. Bourse dealers contact Carl Querbach, P.O. Box 173, Sandwich Post Office, Windsor 10, Ontario. Show from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Sunday.

NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

At the April meeting a Public Library film in colour, "The St. Lawrence Seaway" was presented and an officer from the Brantford Police Department spoke on "Good Housekeeping" - detecting counterfeit money. Two of the membership won prizes at the Waterloo Coin Society Show, Mrs. Mary Hilborn first for British Columbia fish tokens and two thirds for United Nations and Chinese Coins and Tom Kostaluk third of Centennial Medallions.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured a very interesting series of slides from the O.N.A. on Church Medallions. A high light of the meeting was the presentation of a life membership in the Champlain Coin Club to

Mrs. Dorothy Horne who is member number 5 and the only secretary-treasurer the club has ever had.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

The Annual spring show was held in the Westbury Hotel on April 5 and 6 and the display winners were the following:

Canadian Decimal - R. Bagnall, F. Lieshout, R. Gould.

Foreign Coins - I. Smith, R. Gould, R. Morse.

Paper Money - P. Findlay, R. Morse, R. Morse.

Miscellaneous - S. Baker, S. Baker, R. Morse.

Medals - T. Kosaluk, R. Morse, R. Morse.

Junior - S. Veffer, D. Evans.

Best of Show - Ralph Bagnall for Canadian Decimals.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured a talk by Fred Jewett on "Paper Money Collecting is For Everyone". Final plans were made for the Banquet on April 19th, at the Bolo-O-Drome, a report of which will be in our next issue.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Most of the last meeting was taken up finalizing the plans for the coin show on Saturday, April 26th in Barrie. It was agreed to spend \$25.00 for books for the club library. An enjoyable and profitable auction closed the meeting.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured a talk by Shirley English of Kitchener on "Why Join a Coin Club". This meeting was the occasion of the annual Dutch auction with proceeds going to the Ingersoll Kiwanis Easter Seal Fund for crippled children. One crippled child was present and her hobby is collecting serviettes. There was also a good auction.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB -

For a change the last meeting was devoted entirely to dealing, buying and selling and it gave everyone a chance to look around, and get better acquainted. It is a welcome change sometimes just to get away from the regular routine.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

Heritage days are coming which means to non-Pennsylvania Dutch a festival with the Diselfink bird, a wild coloured bird sort of out of this world, with events, entertainment, excitement and a special token struck for the event. It is in June and is sponsored by the Waterloo Coin Society, Kitchener Coin Club and the O.N.A., so let's have fun. (Only the token is sponsored by the clubs.) @ 35¢ or 3/\$1.00, write ONA.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The last meeting featured Part 11, Coins of the Roman Republic, from the set of slides bought by the club. Mr. Esler prepared and taped the narration and two display cases of coins of this era were brought by Howard Whitfield and Graham Esler. A good auction was held at the end of the meeting.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Victor Snell, President of the C.N.A. and he talked on Canadian Paper Money and showed some of his collection. At the next meeting a 1963 English gold sovereign which the Club has bought will be auctioned off at so much a ticket. There will also be slides on "What's My Coin".

PLAN NOW TO VISIT PRUDHOMMES MAY 10,11, DURING THE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the final arrangements were made for the Coin Show on May 3rd and it was pointed out that a few more exhibits are needed. A Club crest was selected by the members and during the auction years sets of C.N.A. journals realized \$25.50 for Coin Show door prizes.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

Plans are going forward for the Strawberry Festival to be held on June 24, and the April meeting is featuring an audio-visual from the O.N.A. Be sure to remember the Strawberry Festival.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

The fifth annual show was a great success with the following winners in the various categories -

Canadian Decimal - Vera Fendlay, Ray Gould, Gladys Bennett

Foreign Coins - Ricky Morse, Vera Fendlay, Ron Bennett

Paper Money - Peter Findley, Ricky Morse, Ricky Morse

Metal Medals & Tokens - Lee Ajoub, Ricky Morse, James Bowdery

Miscellaneous - James Bowdery, Ricky Morse, Ivan Coles.

Juniors - Peter Bowdery, Miss R. Symington, Ralph Mestwarp

Special Visitors Category - Mrs. Art Baker, Ed Keetch, Ingrid Smith

Best of Show - Peter Findley

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting the O.N.A. film "The Canadian Coat of Arms" was shown. A guest was present from the Moncton N.B. Numismatic Society and he invited any of the Sarnia club to visit the Moncton Club if they were in that area. George Smith of Bright's Grove donated a token for display in the Sarnia City Hall, known as the "Gimel Token" and it was originally a Presbyterian Church Token brought to Canada by Rev. Gimel to his Church at Lanark, Ont. His son was founder of the Sarnia Observer in 1852. An auction was conducted by John Gould.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting C.N.V.C.A. member Bob Aaron was presented with two medals in a wooden Medal Holder and a 1969 Honorary Membership in the club. Coloured slides were also shown.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

At the last meeting Mr. Alex Munro gave a talk on Irish Coins which he illustrated with about 40 slides from his own collection. The club moved to nominate Mr. Eldridge Jones of Washington, D.C. as a Governor of the A.N.A. Mr. Peddie reported he had received his proof-like sets within six weeks of placing his order and that the quality is about the same as last year.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

At the April meeting it was decided to take things a little easy and have an educational film on Scotland and some trading among the members. This was followed by an auction. The winners at the Waterloo Coin Show will be listed next month.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The April meeting was known as "Junior Meeting" with only junior displays and two juniors being elected to the executive of the club. This is the first time the Juniors have been represented on the executive and it is hoped this will train them in running a club. Plans were also continued for the O.N.A. Convention at Prudhomme's May 10 and 11. A lively auction finished the meeting.

NEW ZEALAND COINAGE

By Leland B. Crosthwait

Member of the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand

New Zealand issued her first silver coins in 1933. These were to replace the British coins of the same values that had previously been circulated. At this time the New Zealand pound was devalued to be only worth about $\frac{4}{5}$ of the pound sterling and since the coinage was all sterling it is easy to see that people could collect the coinage and by sending it to England gain the extra that had been lost by the devaluation. So in the way governments have of trying to spoil such enterprise, the export of coinage was prohibited and New Zealand coinage was then struck to replace the sterling coinage which was then withdrawn. No doubt the government was then not adverse to making the profit itself by sending the withdrawn coins to England.

At this time only the silver coins were replaced (it was probably thought that it would not be worth while people sending out the heavy copper coins. A five pound bag of pennies weighs about 22 lbs. and a similar amount of half-pennies about 30 lbs.) Thus the new coins were of value, three pence, sixpence, shilling, two shilling and half-crown. Australia, by the way, has had its own coinage from 1910 (some sovereigns were minted earlier) but has never had a half-crown.

In 1935 a crown was issued and about 1000 complete sets were minted. These were hard to sell, it being depression times and the small premium asked was not readily given by most people. Those wise people who did buy made a very good investment as the crown which is called the Waitangi crown after the design on the reverse side of the Maori warrior and the Governor signing the treaty of Waitangi by which the Maori people agreed to the sovereignty of Queen Victoria over New Zealand, became New Zealand rarest coin. The threepence of that year (1935) is also fairly rare although the mintage was much greater than that of the crown.

In 1940 the British copper coins were replaced by a New Zealand penny and half-penny. There were no farthings circulating in New Zealand. In 1940 was also issued a centennial half-crown, this year being a century since 1840 when New Zealand was first colonized.

The coins of 1946 were (in common with British coins) the last to contain any silver, after this all "silver" coins being struck in cupro-nickel. These coins being of the same weight as the older ones are slightly thicker due to the lower density of the new alloy as compared to the previously used silver alloy.

The next event of numismatic interest was the projected visit of King George VI in 1949. Crowns were minted to commemorate this event but due to the illness of the monarch the visit was cancelled. However we still had the crown.

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 provided New Zealand's next and last crown. There were then only regular coins issued until the last of the non-decimal coins in 1965.

There are not many varieties in the New Zealand non-decimal coins apart from die-cracks, etc. The most important varieties arose from the change of the Queen's effigy in 1956-57. This was redesigned with a shoulder strap and replaced the older design in 1965. However a few 1956 "strapless" pennies were minted. In the case of the sixpence all the 1956 mintage had "straps" but for 1957 the mint used the old die for some of that year's coins. Similarly there are some "strapless" 1956 threepences. The "strapless" sixpence and threepence were reasonably common but the penny is rare.

There were no coins issued in 1966, this being a gap until the new decimal coins of 1967. With the rise in the price of copper a halfpenny was said to cost about a penny to mint, while a penny cost about $1\frac{1}{2}$ pence. Treasury does not approve of such uneconomic practises so this helped push on the introduction of the new (and smaller, in the case of the copper coins) coinage which of course was decimal with the new dollar equal to ten shillings or half a pound.

The new decimal coins of 1967 were a dollar (for collectors only) and circulating coins of 50,20,10,5,2 and 1 cents. The Change-over to decimal money went fairly smoothly, the most exciting thing numismatically being a mixup by the Royal Mint of Bahama Island and New Zealand dies. Thus a Bahama Island obverse was matched with a New Zealand reverse in the 2 cent coin. This "mule" was first discovered when bus drivers gave out their change on the day of the change-over and it is said to be the first such mistake ever to be made by the Royal Mint. There were probably about 100,000 of these "mules" minted (the life of one set of dies I expect) but the treasury grabbed back all they could (for melting down) and the balance of perhaps 20,000 are in the hands of collectors. The other day I found a 2 cent coin on the road. Strangely enough it was a Bahama mule, but very badly scratched.

There does not seem to be any other varieties reported in the decimal coins although I did notice that some of the dollars have the whole design slightly larger than in others. I presume that a slightly different magnification ratio must have been used in making some of the working dies from the master die.

The story of the coinage of New Zealand although short compared with that of most countries is not without interest.

(The above-mentioned article was written by a numismatic friend of Ye Ed's from Wellington, New Zealand--another instance where numismatics has spread its hand of friendship across the sea.)

A TRIBUTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE C.N.V.C.A.

Word has just reached me that Dr. C. A. Herbin passed away on April 1, 1969, at his home in Kentville, Nova Scotia. On behalf of the executive and members of the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association I wish to publicly express our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

He was born in Auguet, Cape Breton and attended Arichat High School. Then in 1919 he received his BA from St. Anne's College, and in 1925 he graduated in medicine from Dalhousie University. He practised in St. Peters, Lockeport and Arichat, Cape Breton before he retired to Kentville, Nova Scotia, last year.

He was considered an authority on the history of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton and one of the leading numismatists of our time. He founded the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association in March, 1965, and was the first editor of the Ervar Digest, the official monthly publication of the Association until he was forced to retire due to failing health. He donated the Founder's Trophy every year for the C.N.V.C.A. Conventions, and wrote numerous numismatic papers on errors and varieties in Canadian coinage. He held a Life Membership in the Association as well as belonging to various other clubs.

Ricky R. Morse
President - C.N.V.C.A.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB SHOW - LATE FLASH - JUST ARRIVED

The April 19th Show was very enjoyable. The following were the display winners in the various categories :-

Canadian - R. Bagnall, Toronto, F. Lieshout-Toronto, A. Fuller-Kitchener.
Paper Money - V. Snell, St. Catharines, H. Rapedius, Hamilton.
Junior - Diane Kosiba, First & Second and Diane Bellows - all St. Catharines
Foreign - E. Sentes, Burlington; B. Brace, Ancaster; A. Trebilcock, Burling.
Miscellaneous - B. Bellows, St. Cath.; A. Sentes, Burlington; S. Baker, Downsview
Tokens & Medals - A. Baker, Downsview; Mrs. Summerhill, Welland, T. Kostaluck, Brantford.

Grand Award - Ethel Sentes for Foreign Display on early Chinese money.

Guest Speaker - Victor Snell, St. Catharines.

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THIS 'N THAT - This has been a real busy time for Ye Ed - going to the various show-examining the various exhibits-(I had to, I was trying to judge) and learning much-every show I was at managed to assemble a real nice variety of displays worthy of our great hobby--the many exhibitors who put their material on display all over the province are to be congratulated on their excellence--in many instances they were so good the judges job was tough--this we do not mind--keep up the good work--one thing I noticed over shows of last fall was the number of junior displays--the clubs are to be congratulated in promoting the juniors--these are the collectors of to-morrow--the recent passing of Dr. A. Herbin is a great loss to our hobby--he was one of the truly great enthusiasts and did much to promote the friendly touch which permeates numismatics-- Don't forget May 10 and 11 at Prudhomme's--see you all then--come and bring your friends to Ontario's "Greatest Show on Earth"

Ye Ed



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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

TO ALL O.N.A. MEMBERS.

Our Seventh Annual Convention celebrated last month at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, Vineland Station, Ontario, was, in my estimation a complete success. This happy state of affairs was achieved for the most part by the efforts and enthusiasm of Pat Lambert with a supporting cast from the St. Catharines Coin Club -- and Bill English, President, together with his O.N.A. executive.

When at 9 a.m. on the opening day practically all display space available was occupied it was a first indication that in this show we were going to have a live one. The displays were exceptionally good and occasioned a great deal of interest and scrutiny from a public who came to see -- and liked what it saw. There also seemed to be plenty of activity around the bourse tables and the dealers at this O.N.A. show are to be complimented on the variety of numismatic items they had to offer. A good square shooting coin dealer is a tremendous contribution to the success of any show; which fact is apt to be overshadowed by the more publicity provoking events such as display winning, speech making, election of officers, etc...

The Ontario Numismatic Association was pleased to share its convention this year with the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association (CNVCA) and the enthusiasm and activity of this group added greatly to the spirit and "variety" of the show.

Numismatics is now in a sound position in Canada. It has weathered the storm of wild speculation as has, at one time or another, the Dollar, Pound, Franc, Mark and the other great currencies of the world. Some of these having their fingers burnt by the speculators -- haven't been able to pick up a coin since -- while others have come back to the fold, poorer but wiser and thereby richer than before.

Because of the caliber of the 1969-71 O.N.A. executive and with the help, guidance and experience of that executive, I look forward to any contribution I can make through the O.N.A. to the cause of numismatics in our Province.

The O.N.A. will continue and expand where circumstances indicate an expansion should take place, its present services such as Audio-Visual, Display Case Service, The Ontario Numismatist, Speakers Circuit, etc. The executive will welcome at all times any constructive criticism of how we conduct these services in particular and the O.N.A. itself in general. We will also welcome new ideas for the advancement of this wonderful hobby -- whether they come from the O.N.A. Directors, O.N.A. Members or those Lonely Others -- who by the merest nominal annual fee of only \$3.00 could themselves become O.N.A. Members, emerging at once from the twilight zone to a better, fuller, richer life in Numismatics.

Don Flick, President
Ontario Numismatic Association.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ONTARIO NUMISMATIC CONVENTION
AT PRUDHOMME'S GARDEN CENTRE HOTEL
HOSTED BY THE ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

The St. Catharines Coin Club was host for the Seventh Annual Ontario Numismatic Convention held at Prudhommes Garden Centre Hotel, on May 10 and 11, 1969. We were also very pleased to welcome the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association, who held their annual show and convention in conjunction with the O.N.A. Convention.

Twenty-eight bourse dealers were in attendance at the show. James King, Ridgewood, New Jersey, and Paul Bergman, Toledo, Ohio, were two dealers from the United States. Among the Canadian dealers who travelled the farthest were Chuck Martin, Sudbury, Ontario and Lombardo Mint, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mr. P. Lecuyer, Chief of Coining and Medals Division of the Royal Canadian Mint was our guest speaker and gave a very interesting address. Mr. Lecuyer said that the first Canadian coins appeared in 1810 in the city of Montreal. Gold first appeared in New Westminster, B.C., in 1862. These coins contained more gold than the face value of the coin. The Royal Mint opened in 1908. In 1931 the Canadian Government took over the mint and renamed it the Royal Canadian Mint. On April 1, 1969 the Mint became a Crown Corporation. Mr. E. Brown is acting Master of the Mint at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Wark came from Sarasota, Florida for the Convention. We were also honoured to have Mr. Les Lodge from Berkley, California. Mr. Lodge is the editor of the Quarterly Magazine for the California State Numismatic Association. (next page)

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There were a total of 200 displays with 85 people displaying 1-7 cases in the competitive displays with the Juniors putting in 14 of these displays. The Court of Honour displays were put in by:- Tom Masters, London, Ont.; Betty Lou Bellows, St. Catharines, Ontario; Bank of Canada Numismatic Section by Major Sheldon Carroll; E. Victor Snell, St. Catharines; Sherritt-Gordon Mines, Toronto; Wellings Corp. Limited, Toronto; and Bank of Montreal, St. Catharines.

The Display Winners Were:

Junior - 1st-Barry McGregor, Belleville, Ont.
2nd-Christine Kosiba, St. Catharines, Ont.
3rd-Dennis Fairall-Tillsonburg, Ont.

Canadian Decimal Coins - 1st-Douglas Wark, Sarasota, Florida
2nd-Goldie Wark, Sarasota, Florida
3rd-Frank Lieshout, Toronto, Ont.

Tokens, Medals & Medallions -
1st-Don Flick, Oakville, Ont.
2nd-Mrs. Gwen Sager, Belleville, Ont.
3rd-Stanley Peaver, Bancroft, Ont.

Canadian Currency - 1st-E. Victor Snell, St. Catharines, Ont.
2nd-Stanley Peaver, Bancroft, Ont.
3rd-Hans Rapedius, Hamilton, Ont.

Topical - 1st-Betty Lou Bellows, St. Catharines, Ont.
2nd-Bruce Brace, Ancaster, Ont.
3rd-Douglas Wark, Sarasota, Florida.

World Currency - 1st-Albert Fuller, Kitchener, Ont.
2nd-Albert Fuller, Kitchener, Ont.

World Coins - 1st-Ethel Sentes, Burlington, Ont.
2nd-Mrs. D. Wark, Sarasota, Florida
3rd-E. Victor Snell, St. Catharines, Ont.

Errors - 1st- Paul Carl, Rochester, N.Y.
2nd- Paul Carl, Rochester, N.Y.
3rd- Aulis Koslonen, Ingersoll, Ont.

Miscellaneous- 1st- Albert Sentes, Burlington, Ont.
2nd- Arthur Leff, London, 3rd- Wes Ham, Huntsville, Ont.

GRAND AWARD WINNER - Douglas Wark, Sarasota, Florida.

FOR O.N.A.'S HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR - AWARD OF MERIT - SEE PAGE 61

An estimated 2500 people attended the show and 175 sat down to the Banquet on Saturday night. The lucky draw winners were :-

1st - 100 Canadian Dollars - J. Madill, St. Catharines, Ont.
2nd - 1967 Gold Set - G. Roberts, St. Catharines, Ont.
3rd - 1967 Silver Set - W. Tureck, Oshawa, Ont.
4th-8th - 1969 Proof-like Sets - Mary Jack, St. Catharines,
P. Michalicka, St. Catharines, Ron Winger, Ridgeway, D. Horsely, Vine-
land, Harry Eisenhouser, London, Ontario.

The Officers and Directors for the 1969-71 were installed at the General Meeting on Saturday morning. (For list of executive see May, Numismatist.

Reported by Robert Voaden, Historian
St. Catharines Coin Club

DID YOU KNOW----

The official legal tender in New Hampshire was not changed from pounds and shillings to dollars and cents until 1950.

The following has been received from our Director, John McKay-Clements in answer to a letter by Ricky Morse in a recent Bulletin:-

Dear Ricky Morse: re Tokens and Coins

It seems a little puerile to spend time arguing about whether tokens are coins unless we concede that by so doing we may stimulate some interest in numismatics and perhaps even educate ourselves. If you will climb down off your high horse for a little while, I'll be glad to scramble up out of the "slough of despond" into which your open letter had plunged me, in this way I will at least meet you half way to discuss the matter.

Any contention that a token is a coin, is, I admit, rather too broad to be accepted by a purist at face value. Let us at least agree that I specified "a genuine trade token", but for the sake of clarity should have added "struck for the purpose of serving the same function as money".

My Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, among other definitions of the word COIN says---"5. A piece of metal of definite weight and value, stamped with an officially authorized device, a piece of money". Turning to the word TOKEN, I find among other things---"10. A stamped piece of metal, issued as a medium of exchange by a private person or company who engages to take it back at its nominal value, giving goods or legal currency for it 1598." It goes on to indicate that the word can be combined with the word COINAGE and refers the reader to TOKEN-MONEY, which in turn gives us --b. Private tokens issued by a trader or company as a fractional currency and temporary medium of exchange between trader and customer 1890. c. State coinage of money not having the intrinsic value for which it is current, but bearing a fixed value relative to gold coin, for which it is exchangeable 1889." Note that both a coin and a token is ---"a stamped piece of metal" and both are used as money or a medium of exchange.

Now we have the term TOKEN COINAGE to consider. The word COINAGE is defined by C.C. Chamberlain as "(a) The process of making coins. (b) A collective term for coins. The term, of course does not include paper currency, or privately issued tokens.

Wait a minute, Ricky, before you climb back on your horse. Let's take a look at the word PRIVATE in my dictionary. It says, among other things,---"3. Not to the public, intended only for the use of particular and privileged persons, late Middle English. Not open to the public, or not publicly done or performed, dist. from a thing of the same kind that is "public" 1560. 6. Of, pertaining or relating to, or affecting a person, or a small group of persons apart from the general community, individual, personal 1526."

With this background information, consider the trade tokens issued during the 17th., 18th., and 19th century by various tradesmen and companies in the British Isles. Surely you will concede that a great number of these were not private in the sense covered by the Oxford's definition of PRIVATE, many were in wide public use to fill a definite need for metallic currency.

Your numismatic library and mine probably both contain a number of books that we can research for ammunition with which to shoot each other down. The first I notice on my shelves is a copy of "The Nineteenth Century Token Coinage" by W.J. Davies, next to it is a copy of "Boyne's Trade Tokens" Williamson, then "Notes on Eighteenth Century Tokens" by Arthur Waters, and there are others from which numerous quotes can be made to illustrate my point that under my more clearly defined definition of the kind of token I am writing about, the words COIN and TOKEN are synonymous.

The title of R.C.Bell's book dealing with the British Provincial Token-Coinage of the 18th Century, very aptly covers the subject --"Commercial Coins. 1787-1804." In the preface to this book Robert Taylor, Keeper of Coins for the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne, expresses the hope that the author will attempt a companion volume dealing with "genuine non-commercial coins."

I should tell you, Ricky, that I have had a most interesting letter from Bob Willey in which he lists his views on the subject of "Our Ten Rarest Coins". He, of course, disagrees with me regarding my nominations for this honour. I fully expected to be corrected by a number of people better qualified than I am to give the final answer on such a broad and controversial subject, that was the whole point of sending my story to two Editors who were both appealing for material for their columns--the hope that it would generate more stories. BUT --and here is the point in mentioning Bob's letter--he does not object to me including the trade tokens in my list because they are not coins, he even includes some of his own choice to supplant mine.

I pointed out in my article that to make my list valid it was necessary to concede that a genuine trade token is a coin, I tried to anticipate running into some dogmatic individual who would say "I will never concede that a trade token of any sort is a coin". If Williamson, Davies, Waters, Dalton and Hamer, Bell, Taylor and Willey are in my corner, I feel in good company.

I am sorry you see my thinking as a "ridiculous claim" but I heartily agree with you that we should keep a level head in numismatics and "call a spade a spade, and a token a token". All I say is that a genuine trade token struck for the purpose of serving the same function as money is a coin. When it comes to calling a spade anything else but a spade, how do you feel about Arthur Braydon Coole calling an ancient Chinese "Spade" Trade Token a coin? (See pages 2,9 and 29 Coins in China's History.)

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the May issue have now been accepted and the following new applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the July issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 726 J. Peter Elliott, 500 University Ave., Suite 404, Toronto 101, Ont
- 727 Frank Lieshout, P.O. Box 581, Station "K", Toronto 315, Ont.
- 728 Clarence A. Birney, 15 Parnell Road, St. Catharines, Ont.
- 729 Dr. D. C. Steele, 59 Hillcrest Ave., St. Catharines, Ont,
- 730 Albert Sentes, 1501 Augustine Drive, Burlington, Ont.
- 731 Mrs. Albert Sentes, 1501 Augustine Drive, Burlington, Ont.

The following Life Members may now be added to our list:-

- LM 11 O. Lombardo, 460 Wellington St. So., Sherbrooke, Quebec.
- LM 12 C.F. Martin, 99 Elm St. West, Sudbury, Ont.

DID YOU KNOW THAT :- More counterfeit money was passed in Quebec last year than in the nine other provinces combined, reports James Nesbitt, a document examiner at the RCMP federal laboratory in Ottawa. He was giving evidence in Sweetsburg, Quebec at a court case involving bogus bills.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

for period January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Petty Cash @ January 1, 1968.....	\$ 82.24	
Bank Balance @ January 1, 1968.....	906.46	\$988.70

Receipts

Memberships (Regular, Junior and Club).....	\$1,015.00	
Medals.....	1,452.60	
Lapel Pins.....	42.50	
Display Case Service.....	126.05	
Awards.....	29.20	
O. N. A. Share of Kitchener Convention.....	603.58	
Bank Interest.....	37.87	
C. N. E. Medals.....	110.60	
Audio Visual.....	40.94	
Proof Like Sets and Plaques - Archives, etc...	40.00	
Sundries.....	12.00	
		3,510.34

Expenses

O. N. A. Publication "The Ontario Numismatist".....	377.21	
Medals.....	988.06	
Postage.....	51.94	
Safety Deposit and Post Office Box Rental.....	18.00	
Room Rentals.....	15.00	
Bookbinding and Printing.....	37.35	
Honorariums.....	125.00	
Display and Promotional Service.....	136.31	
Award of Merit and Engraving.....	26.84	
Display Case Service Refund.....	91.83	
C. N. E. Expenses.....	117.49	
A. N. A. and C. N. A. Dues.....	32.31	
Proof Like Sets and Plaques - Archives, etc...	113.47	
Retail Sales Tax.....	25.35	
Awards.....	52.12	
Typewriter.....	25.15	
Donation.....	75.00	
Transfer of Funds - Contingency Fund.....	1,400.00	
Sundries.....	76.22	
		3,784.65

Excess Expenses over Receipts.....		-274.31
Petty Cash @ December 31, 1968.....	55.49	
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1968.....	658.90	714.39

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Pass Book Balance @ December 31, 1968....	1,330.25
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	671.35
Statement Bank Balance @ December 31, 1968....	658.90

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

for period January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1968.....			\$ 574.87
<u>Receipts</u>			
Canada Savings Bonds.....	\$1,500.00		
Interest on Bonds.....	39.39		
Canada Savings Bonds.....	2,000.00		
Interest on Bonds.....	20.00		
Transfer of Funds from General Account.....	1,400.00		
Bank Interest	14.31	\$4,973.70	
<u>Expenses</u>			
Canada Savings Bonds.....	2,000.00		
Accrued Interest to May 1, 1968.....	10.00		
Waterloo Trust Guaranteed Investment Certificate @ 7% due 1973.....	2,000.00	4,010.00	
Excess Receipts over Expenses.....			963.70
Bank Balance as of December 31/68.....			1,538.57

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

Bank Balance @ January 1, 1968.....			-
<u>Receipts</u>			
Life Memberships.....	-		
Interest on Guaranteed Investment Certificate.....	16.72		
Bank Interest.....	.10	16.82	
<u>Expenses</u>			
Membership Dues (\$2.00 x 8).....	16.00	16.00	
Excess Receipts over Expenses.....			.82
Bank Balance @ December 31, 1968.....			.82

ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1968

Cash and Bank Balance - General Account.....	714.39		
Bank Balance - Contingency Account.....	1,538.57		
Guaranteed Investment Certificate - Contingency Account.....	2,000.00		
Bank Balance - Life Membership Account.....	.82		
Guaranteed Investment Certificates - Life Membership Account @ 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ % due 1970.....	400.00	4,653.78	
Total Assets 1967.....			3,463.57
Increase in Cash Assets.....			\$1,190.21

The Bank Accounts are maintained at the
Waterloo Trust and Savings Company,
Westmount Branch, Kitchener, Ontario.

President William English

Treasurer Bruce H. Laszmann

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

At the last meeting Mr. Ernie Walsh of the Brantford Police Department spoke on counterfeit money and showed some specimens of Canadian and U.S. bills passed in Brantford some years ago. Millions of dollars annually are passed in Canada which are counterfeit.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB-

The first Annual Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn was a great success. Mrs. Norval Parker cut the ribbon to open the show, assisted by Miss Eva Adams, Director of the U.S. Mint and Mr. E.F. Brown, Acting Master of the Royal Canadian Mint. When the prizes were awarded the Norval Parker Memorial Trophy was won by Mr. Paul Sullivan of Ottawa. First prize in medals and tokens went to Peter Wissen and Jack Roberts won first in the Foreign and Ancient category with a complete collection of Queen Victoria Great Britain Type coins. At the April meeting the Norval Parker medals will be seen.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

Plans were finalized at the last meeting for the coin show to be held April 26th. An old coin box was won by Bob Swan and the film "Money in your Pocket" will be shown at our next meeting.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

The next meeting will feature William Clarke and Graham Esler in a review entitled "The Bank of London". Time was spent making final arrangements for the Show on June 7th.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB -

Bill English gave a very enlightening talk on displaying coins for competition which was very timely with all the shows coming up. The club is having several display cases made so there will be enough for the monthly meetings. At the next meeting there will be two films shown, "Natures Dangerous Creatures" and "Japan" by Walt Disney.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

An interesting talk by Tom Masters on "Liberty Bell on U.S. Coins" or, "Philadelphia--Where the Action Was" was the highlight of the meeting. The May meeting will feature a talk by Wm. Clarke on the "Coinage of Elizabeth 1 with displays by the speaker and Howard Whitfield.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB-

The last meeting featured a talk by Harold Daniels on "Coins of Roman Britain" with a great display. It was decided to write a letter to the Acting Master of the Mint regarding silver in the dollars for the commemorative silver dollar in 1970. At the next meeting Arthur Honour will speak on "Australia's changeover to the Decimal System".

ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting there was a good attendance. We learned some interesting things about coins, for instance, one of Canada's rarest coins is the 1928 \$5.00 and the \$10.00 gold piece. These coins were designed by the noted artist and sculptor Kruger Gray. There are only a very few collectors who have ever seen this coin and a great many have never heard of either one. The dies were sent from the Royal Mint in England to the Mint in Ottawa and then promptly lost.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB-

At the Strawberry Social we saw a unique and informative series of slides reflecting a tour of European mints by Mr. Robert Aaron. As the slides were so interesting Mr. Aaron has promised to show them again at the next meeting for all to enjoy.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

Each member at the April meeting was presented with a set of 1969 U.S. 1¢ (P.D.S.) courtesy of member Bob Sargent. A trip was made by two of the members to two Grade VIII Classes when they showed a film and talked on coins. The pupils were very interested. This is a worthwhile work we feel.

TORONTO COIN CLUB - At the April meeting the special speaker was Bruce Brace, F.R.N.S. of Hamilton, Assistant Editor of the Canadian Numismatic Journal and Editor of the Hamilton Coin Club Newsletter. His talk and slides on Roman Coins was one of the most interesting we have heard in a long time.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- June 7 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Ingersoll & District Memorial Centre, Mutual St., Ingersoll, Ont. Guest speaker-John J. Pittman. Bourse dealers contact Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll, Ont.
- June 14 - Victoria-Simcoe Numismatic Association Tenth Annual Woodville Banquet in the Woodville Town Hall, doors open at 12 noon with dinner at 6.30. Guest Speaker-Mr. Fred Jewett, Toronto Coin Club. Auction and displays.
- Aug. 27-30- Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Show and Banquet in the Royal York Hotel, hosted by the Toronto Coin Club with Mr. Fred Jewett as General Chairman. Excellent displays and auctions. Bourse dealers welcome.
- Sept. 13 - London Numismatic Society 18th Annual Show and Banquet, Carousel Motel. Enquiries to William N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London, Ontario.
- Sept, 28 - Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. General Chairman-Norm Scott; Bourse Chairman-Rudy Brill; Display Chairman-Don McKelvie and Fred Hurley.
- Oct. 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Auction and Coin Show. Chairman-Pat Collins, R.R.#2, Petosburg, Ontario.
- Oct. 18 - Kingston Coin Club Banquet and Show at the Hockey Hall of Fame from 1.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Further information from Fred Steele, Secretary, 1400 Montreal Street, Kingston, Ont.
- Oct. 19 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Seventh Annual Fall Show, Sunday, Oct. 19th, at the Orange Hall, Brock Street, East Tillsonburg. Further details Chas. B. Laister, R.R.#3, Tillsonburg.
- Oct. 25 & 26- Windsor Coin Club Annual Show, Saturday and Sunday at the Norton-Palmer Hotel. Bourse dealers contact Carl Querbach, P.O. Box 173, Sandwich Post Office, Windsor 10, Ontario. Show from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Sunday.

AWARD OF MERIT

Always one of the highlights of the Convention is the O.N.A.'s Award of Merit which is the highest honour that the Association can bestow on a member and this year it went to E. Victor Snell, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association and Life Member No. 1 of the St. Catharines Coin Club and in your Editor's opinion a worthy recipient. It was very appropriate for Victor to receive the award as this year's Convention was hosted by the St. Catharines Coin Club which in 1961 presented him with a Life Membership in recognition of his activities in (a) founding the club and (b) his active participation and leadership since the club's founding in 1958. This was one of the few occasions when Ye Ed caught Victor almost speechless. Congratulatlons, Victor,
Ye Ed.

THIS 'N THAT -

The lucky winner of the silver pig full of cents was Mrs. B. Brown, 162 Merkley Street, Scarborough, Ontario.--- She was one of five who guessed 400 -- there was in fact 402 --- Mrs. Brown was the winner of the draw of the five---According to the many letters received by the St. Catharines Coin Club all seemed very pleased with the recent show including dealers, visitors and visiting dignitaries--- Gratifying after all the effort by the O.N.A. and St. Catharines Coin Club---No report received from the CNVCA which is why there is nothing on the winners of displays, etc.---Maybe we can have something for next month---After such an exhausting time which is not yet over, I'm going to sign off here wishing everyone a real pleasant summer---happy vacation---safe driving on the roads.

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Ye Ed

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Pat has asked me to fill in a few comments in the space left at the end of this edition.

We have had a busy two years in office and many more things have yet to be done. The new executive under the direction of president Don Flick are carrying on as though there was no break in leadership. This is as it should be and my enthusiasum will continue as before. As a team we must support the executive for the advancement of the hobby.

It is gratifying to read the compliments on our 7th Annual Convention but we must remember it didn't happen by itself. We must thank the many different news media and publications for their fine coverage. People like Dick Schram who donated the lovely set of luggage and supported our souvenir program through the Woolco Department Stores. We must thank the host club and the many people who worked beyond the call of duty so that other collectors could enjoy our hobby. I must thank my wife Shirley for her
patience.

We must also thank Vic Snell for his untiring efforts. It was my pleasure to present the gold Award of Merit Medal to Victor E. Snell " MEDALIST OF THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FOR 1969".

My final words as president are "thank you" - for your courtesies, your generousities in teaching and sharing knowledge with me, and most of all, for your friendships.

Bill English.



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A TRIBUTE TO COURAGE

By Victor Gadoury.

The numismatic world joins the free world in a tribute to the staunch heroism that has become the bi-word of the Czechoslovakian people. This then, in my own way is a tribute to these people.

Some fifty years before the Russian tanks rumbled through the streets of Prague, the Republic came into being; but the Numismatic history of Czechoslovakia actually began on February 16, 1922. This was the date of the first coinage of Czechoslovakia that was struck to ultimately replace the Austro-Hungarian coinage and currency. The Austro-Hungarian bank notes remained in circulation until November 20, 1924, but were counterstamped to distinguish them from their former origin.

The 20 and 50 Haleru coins were the first denominations to be placed into circulation by the Czechoslovakian Government. These coins were made of a copper-nickel alloy, and not until seven years later did a silver coin appear.

The silver commemoratives, for which Czechoslovakia is world famous, closely follow the history of that Central European Republic. The first of which was released into circulation in 1928 and served to mark the tenth anniversary of the Czechoslovakian independence.

The 10 Korona (700 fine silver) bears the bust of T. G. Masaryk, the Republic's first president. It was Tomas Garrique Masaryk along with Edward Benes, who gradually united the Czechs and the Slovaks in revolt, that brought independence. On June 30, 1918, T.G. Masaryk's signature on an agreement between the Czechs and the Slovaks officially founded the new state. Ironically, the signing took place in the United States (Pittsburgh, Pa.).

The minor coins of Czechoslovakia, from conception in 1922 to 1939 were typical of a striving young country. The copper-nickel one Korona strongly symbolizes this feeling with a woman wiping the perspiration off her brow. All minor coins of that time have the Bohemian

lion on the obverse. The famous Charles bridge in Prague (built in the 14th century) is depicted on the reverse of several minor coins.

The coinage of Czechoslovakia was discontinued on March 15, 1939, when the German troops marched into Prague. The German occupational coinage was divided into two groups. They were: Slovakia, an independent Republic set up by Hitler, and the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia, which includes the remaining area of Czechoslovakia not ceded to Hungary in the Vienna Award of November 2, 1938.

The coinage of Slovakia consisted of 12 different types of coins, including five commemorative issues. The first commemorative was a five Korona (nickel 27mm) of Father Andrej Hlinka, leader of the peoples party and a leading constituent of a separate Slovakia. Later that same year, another commemorative was issued on the occasion of the first election of the President of Slovakia. This was a 20 Korona (500 fine silver) portraying Father Joseph Tiso, a follower of Hitler. Two years later (1941), another 20 Korona was issued to commemorate St. Cyrill and Methodius. In 1944, two more commemoratives were issued, one honouring Pribina, Prince of Slovakia and the other to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Slovak Republic, from 1939 to 1945.

The Bohemia-Moravia Protectorate issued only four coins. All were made of Zinc. They were 10, 20 and 50 Haleru's as well as a one Korona. To this day no positive mintage figures are known as these coins were all struck by a private firm; it is believed that this firm kept no record of their occupational coins.

Although Czechoslovakia was liberated on May 9, 1945, its currency was not renewed until November 1, 1945, and put into circulation on April 25, 1946.

The following years saw several 50 and 100 Korona's in silver appear. These commemoratives ranged from controversial to historical in theme. Interesting also is the fact that all these coins have a uniform mintage of one million.

In 1953, a complete currency reform took place, changing not only the value, but also the design of the coins. The basic structure of 100 Haleru = One Korona remained the same. The coin managed to get caught in the change. This is the now scarce 5 Korona of Aluminum, dated 1952. These were presumably melted down. A few as usual escaped the melting pot.

The Czechs in their short history as a Nation have shown a keen sense of value for putting on their coinage its fervent history. This we strongly felt in 1955 with them releasing no less than four coins to commemorate the liberation from the Nazi's in 1945.

The year 1960 showed a definite sign of Soviet pressure with the removal of the Crown on the Bohemian lion, which is on the reverse of Czech coins. This crown was replaced by a five pointed star,

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typical of many Soviet controlled nations.

The inscription was also changed to read "Ceskoslovenska Socialistika Republika" as compared to Ceskoslovenska Republic. During the period of 1960 to 1967, the Czechoslovakian Government released several more commemoratives, this time mostly dwelling on historical points and personalities. The jubilee year of 1918-1968 was to be no exception regardless of political struggles, Czechoslovakia managed to issue three commemoratives. These coins unfortunately, only have a mintage of 60,000 each; I say unfortunately because of their beauty and that so few collectors will have the opportunity of owning them. With the division of Czechoslovakia on January 1, 1969, the future will no doubt as in the past, see many changes in the Czechoslovakian coinage. This is only but one reason why I chose to collect and write a book on this country's coinage.

(With special thanks to the London Numismatic Society).

NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

At the last meeting Mr. Chappie Robinson who has recently returned from Nigeria was the guest speaker. Many articles of wearing apparel, native artifacts and coins were shown. The June meeting showed the second film from the International Nickel Co. of Canada entitled "Milling and Smelting", and was much enjoyed.

BELLEVILLE BAY OF QUINTE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

The spring Coin Show on April 12th was a great success. There were 33 displays of Canadian coins, tokens, medals, paper money, etc. Eight dealers had a profitable time and the success of the show goes to Archie Sinclair and his Committee. Best of Show for Juniors was won by Barry McGugan, Token category by Archie Sinclair, Canadian Decimals by Gwen Sager, Paper Money by Charlie Miller, world coins by Andy Anderson, medals by Ricky Morse, Miscellaneous by Sheila Baker. Best of Show Trophy was won by Sheila Baker of Toronto. A successful auction was conducted by Charlie Miller.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB-

Arthur Honour reported on the Spring Show at which there were 12 dealers. The exhibits were of a high quality and Best of Show Award went to Ethel Sentes with her Chinese Display. Alan MacNab was the speaker and his topic "Fighters For Canada". He reviewed the medallic history of Canada.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The main feature of the last meeting was a film "Money in your Pockets" about the production and handling of money, printed by the Bank of Canada. It gave a history of the life of printed money, from the time the plates are engraved until it is returned to the Bank for burning as worn out currency.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The topic of the last meeting was "Coinage of Elizabeth I" with a display of coins from President Clarke, H. Whitfield and J. Finch. Plans are going ahead for the Banquet and Coin Show to be held in September and it promises to be well worth attending. Bourse Chairman is P. Elgie, Thamesford and Display Chairman is L.M. Smith, 691 Strathmeyer St., London 25, Ont.

OAKVILLE COIN CLUB

Our 9th Annual Show was held May 25th with the following winners: Canadian Decimal-D. Becker, J. Ewles, Canadian Tokens-Don Flick, Junior-Tony Hine, Dan Sterne; Foreign-John Ewles, Jim Hayes Paper Money-Ken Hart; Miscellaneous-Jack McLean, Grace Watson; Best of Show-Ed Schroeder. Jack McLean won in the Commemorative Crowns. Judges were Don Flick and Glen Reid. The show was very successful.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The report of the Coin Show showed there was a slight loss but dealers and exhibitors hoped the club would make it an annual event. At the last meeting the door prize was a bronze medal of Norval Parker and was won by Graham Bryson, presented by Susan Parker.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The strawberry Festival was a huge success. The guest speaker was Major Sheldon Carroll, curator, Numismatic Collection, Bank of Canada, Ottawa. The Junior and adult displays were judged by Alex Munro.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB

70 members and guests attended the last meeting before the summer recess and were happy to welcome the O.N.A. Past President, Bill English and his family, and the O.N.A. President, Don Flick and his family. A report was given on the recent O.N.A. Convention, Don Flick said a few words of congratulation to Bill English for a job well done. Mrs. English gave a very interesting talk on "Why I Should Join A Coin Club".

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Guest speaker was Mr. Harry Eisenhower of London and his topic was Canadian Currency. Last meeting was Guest Night and any member bringing guests got an extra ticket on the draw for a 1964 dollar. On July 12th there will be a meeting in the form of a Bar-B-Q.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Highlight was a coloured film on Northern Ontario with parts of Sarnia-ice fishing on Sarnia Bay shown by Bill Crisp. The July meeting will enable all members to judge displays with the object to help members learn how to improve their displays.

TORONTO COIN CLUB-

Last meeting featured a story by R.C. Willey of Espanola on "Medallic Portraiture of Victoria" and was particularly appropriate as it was held on "Victoria Day". The club is all taken up with preparations for the forthcoming C.N.A. Convention in the Royal York on August 28,29,30, 1969.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

An O.N.A. slide entitled "The Large 5¢ piece" was shown at the June meeting. A warning was issued to watch out for the counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills during the summer. The Heritage Festival with the Distelfink token will be held the end of the month. The winners at the Waterloo Coin Show were:- Juniors-J. Bowen, D. Fairll, J. Bowen; Canadian Coins-W. Erb, Mrs. Bennet, A. Fuller; Tokens-Mrs. Hilborn, R. Morse, A. Fuller; Paper Money-V. Snell, A. Fuller, D. Laliberte; Topical-Mrs. Baker, A. Fuller, Mrs. Hilborn; World Coins-R. Bennett, T. Kostaluk, Mrs. Hilborn; Miscellaneous-A. Leff, A. Fuller; Grand Award-W. Erb, Kitchener.

The above arrived too late for the last Bulletin so rather than leave it out we have put it in a little late.

VISIT THE 1969 O.N.A. COIN EXHIBIT AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION * DUFFERIN GATES

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DISPLAY CHAIRMAN

1. Arrange for display area, (tables and cloths. Good lighting necessary).
Arrange for Judges - Contact judges before show.
2. * Arrange for display cases - (use necessary application forms) Walter Holst,
4 Maple Court, Waterloo, Ontario.
3. Determine categories - List categories A., B., C., D., etc. Make them general
Do not be too specific.
4. Decide open judging point system. O. N. A. Sheets and display case cards through
W. Holst.
5. Order ribbons and trophies if required.
6. Distribute lists of categories and Judging point system before show.
7. Number display spaces numerically - start at one point. This enables judges to
* locate exhibits easily. (Make a master list of spaces and be sure exhibitors
use space(s) allocated).

List special requirements, if any. - SIZE OF CASES, no. of cases per exhibit?
outlets? members only? open to all collectors? own material?
8. * Judges and exhibitors must follow same rules for point systems.
9. Return judges sheets to each exhibitor.

Duties on Day of Show Set-up

1. Be sure tables - cases - lights, judging sheets - registration sheets - ribbons and
trophies are all available.
2. Register all displays and designate case or space number on a sheet numbered to
coincide with cases.
3. Security sheet if required to be signed by owner and display chairman - must be
signed by chairman or designated representative before displays can be removed.
4. Cases should be checked after they are set up to determine if category is correct.
5. If a change is necessary exhibitor should be notified if possible.
6. New locks will be keyed alike and the display chairman or designated assistant
should have the key or keys.
7. Arrange for displays to be moved to banquet table before presentation time.

Display case inside measurements $28\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, $16\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, $1\frac{7}{8}$ deep

* Important points to remember:

1. Apply early and correctly for cases.
2. Arrange display spaces numerically starting at one point.
3. Return cases promptly. (list any losses or breakage)

O. N. A. Display Chairman: W. Holst,
4 Maple Court,
Waterloo, Ontario.

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC VARIETY COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The winners at the Convention held in conjunction with the Ontario Numismatic Association were as follows-

Best Canadian Varieties - Paul Carl Best Miscellaneous Display -
Best Canadian Errors - Ricky Morse Wilfred Erb
Best U.S. Errors - Paul Carl Best Minor Varieties- Peter Elliott
Best Educational Display - Maxwell McKinnon

The judges were Hans Zoell and Bill English. Some of the displays were sent in by mail so all variety collectors could participate.

The Election Results were- President-Ricky Morse, First Vice-President-Jack Wallace, Second Vice-President-Mrs. L. Zant, Secretary - Peter Elliott, Treasurer-Maxwell McKinnon.

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the June issue have now been accepted and the following new applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the August issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 732 Stanley F. Peaver, Box 412, Bancroft, Ontario
- 733 Mrs. Stanley F. Peaver, Box 412, Bancroft, Ontario.
- 734 Richard J. Nicholson, 12 Lloyd St., St. Catharines, Ont,
- 735 James J. Straus, 193 Cedar St. S., Kitchener, Ont.
- 736 John L. McNamara, 37 Meadowcrest Rd., Toronto 570, Ont.
- C64 NORFOLK COIN CLUB, c/o Mrs. Elsie Fick, Box 309, Simcoe, Ont.

MINT REPORT

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. F. Brown, the Acting Mint Master, we can give you the latest information on Coin issues:

<u>Value</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>April, 1969</u>	<u>To Date</u>
1.00	1969	520,000	3,669,000
	1968		136,387
.50	1969		3,678,000
	1968		136,387
.25	1969		60,884,000
	1968	3,904,000	325,049
.10	1969	820,000	3,490,000
	1968	2,360,000	52,351,049
.05	1969	1,692,000	9,438,000
	1968		2,677,049
.01	1969	15,810,000	53,514,000
	1968		15,061,049
Unc. Sets	1969	54,248	194,495
(P/L)	1968		1,672
Unc. \$1.	1969	30,269	134,722
(P/L)	1968		164,485

Thanks to the Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin

The following is a letter received from Ricky Morse, O.N.A. Director of Publicity:-

April 12th, 1969

William English,
P.O. Box 4,
Waterloo, Ontario.

Dear Bill:

The final reports and charts in regards to my physical examination has just come through yesterday, and my doctor's orders are "to drop everything" and do nothing except rest and sleep, which I know now I'll never be able to do as I have always led an active, participating style of life.

However, I will have to take it a lot easier than I have in the past, which means giving up most of the work I love more than life itself, namely numismatics.

Therefore, it is with sincere regret that I must tender my resignation from the positions that I now hold in the O.N.A., to become effective one month from to-day, which will be on May 12th, 1969.

The reason for waiting another month is so that I can finish my work for the O.N.A. and do everything I can to make the forthcoming combined Conventions the success that we all hope it will be.

The friendships I have made during the short period of time that I have served with the various members of the O.N.A., both on the Executive, and otherwise, will not be forgotten.

Yours in Goodfellowship,

Signed:-Ricky Morse,
Director of Publicity.

It is with regret that we publish the above letter of resignation realizing the great loss the O.N.A. has suffered in losing Ricky from its fold.

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Aug 14 - Sept 1 - VISIT THE O.N.A. COIN EXHIBIT AT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION TOR.

information from Fred Steele, Secretary, 1480 Montreal Street, Kingston, Ontario.

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- April 11-Central Coin Club Annual Spring Show, Westbury Hotel on & 12 Yonge Street, Toronto. Additional information on the show and events may be obtained by writing to The Secretary, Central Coin Club, 306 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ont.

SERMON IN SOAP

DUZ you
 DRIFT with the
 TIDE.
 VEL now is the time to
 CHEER up, if you want real
 JOY. THE
 TREND is to
 BREEZE to church on Sunday; too many people
 WOODBURY their heads in a pillow, or work to make their car
 SPARKLE, forgetting the Lord's day was made for
 LESTOIL. When the Lord is put first a
 DOVE will never need to be sent with an
 S O S for you to put God first; maybe we ought to
 DIAL you to remind you of a
 LIFEBOUY, so why not
 WISK yourself out of bed next Sunday, dress up
 SPIC AND SPAN and
 DASH like a
 COMET to Sunday School and Church as you sing
 PRAISE to God and hear His word and will get a wonderful
 CLEANSER for your soul and you will feel like
 MR. CLEAN all week long.

Thanks to Sarnia Numismatic Society.

LIBRARY SLIDE SETS OF THE AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

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A.V.#B25	Large Canadian Five Cent Pieces	B.C. Num. Society
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All Coin Club Secretaries - Please note:-

We suggest that you remove this page from the Bulletin and file away for future ready reference whenever your club wishes to send for slides for programs.

EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. - Mr Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway,
Tillsonburg, Ontario.

THIS 'N THAT

At a recent meeting of your Executive, two of our members, the Chairman of the Audio-Visual and the Chairman of the Display Case Service were bemoaning the fact that some, and I quote again, some of the clubs are abusing our services and making it tough on the rest of our club members - main cause of complaint from friend Audio-Visual, Charlie Laister and Display case friend, Walter Holst, was not sending cash with your order form (Audio and Display), tardiness in cases and slides returns, losing slides and in one case, a whole tape was missing, display cases are also becoming a real headache, breakages are phenominal, mainly by the railway folks, I'm afraid. We are, incidently, trying to figure out a far better case to eliminate this shipping headache--but here is where we ask the co-operation of the clubs-- Please order at least three weeks in advance of required date, and return at your earliest convenience so some other club will not be disappointed---enough beefing from Ye Ed---I hope by the time you good folks are reading this--providing you do read it, of course--(I don't know as I never get any comments, good, bad or awful), ---The weather has turned out a lot warmer and at least giving us a wee bit o' sunshine---Next week Ye Ed is off on a week's vacation---then back and start on your August Bulletin so you know what is going on in the various clubs-- if any of our members are in the vicinity of St. Catharines on Sunday August 24th join the St. Catharines Coin Club in their annual picnic, we'd love to have you---meanwhile don't forget Canada's Numismatic Show of the year at Toronto's Royal York, August 28,29,30---See you there---in conclusion a cooling thought, as a friend of mine says, "Bona Snowshines"

Ye Ed

1969 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION * CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COIN EXHIBIT

AUGUST 14, - SEPTEMBER 1, 1969.

The 1969 coin exhibit will be on display in a new hobby building located at the Dufferin gate entrance. Mr Vince Doran has consented to act as chairman again this year. This type of exhibit exposes the hobby to the non collecting public, in greater numbers than any other type of show could possibly do.

We ask our members to help by providing displays and helping to man the floor for a while during their visit to the Ex. There is still a month and a half for you to get a display ready. This years Canadian Numismatic Association Convention is at the end of the Exhibition dates so we invited our collector freinds to drop down and say hello and possibly get some ideas on a similar exhibit at one of the local exhibitions or fairs in their own area. We will also have C.N.E. Medals and O.N.A. Medals available the sale of which will help defray some of the nominal expenses involved in the exhibit.

For information -- Mr. Vince Doran, 606 Pape Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

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DID YOU KNOW ** That Counterfiet Canadian \$20.00 gold pieces are on the market and that blocks of wood have been substituted in some of the 1967 Gold presentation sets for the gold piece and the shipping box has been resealed with the special Royal Canadian Mint tape.



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The Halifax Steamboat Token

Fact or Fiction?

By A. M. MacDonald, F.C.N.R.S.

The Halifax Steamboat Company received its charter on Jan, 1, 1817 and the first general meeting was held in the Exchange Coffee House on May 20, 1817. There were Twenty-five shareholders who held one share each valued at 25 pounds. Among the shareholders were the Provincial Treasurer, Honourable Michael Wallace, the Chief Justice, and Charles Cunard, founder of the great steamboat line. The Company took over the business and assets of a ferry service begun in 1753 by Messers Wynne and Manthorne to run a scheduled ferry service between Halifax and Dartmouth.

The minutes of this first and subsequent meetings were recorded by the Secretary in great detail and with precise penmanship. Minute books, still in perfect condition, are kept in the Nova Scotia Archives and are available for study upon request.

At the shareholders meeting of March 17, 1825 the rates of fare were set as follows, but no mention was made of tokens or tickets at that time:

Foot passenger (white)--4d
Foot passenger (black)--3d
Cow or steer -----1s6d
Four wheel carriage ----2s
Two wheel carriage ----1s 6d
Chest, box or trunk ----3d
Small pig or lamb -----1d
Horse, mare or ox -----2s
Sheep, goat, calf or pig--4d
Barrel -----4d
Dog-----2d

At the Company meeting of June 4, 1835 the suspected dishonesty of some employees was discussed at length. The employees were thought to be pocketing fare money and not turning it over to the Company. It is interesting to note that no shareholder suggested

the use of tokens or tickets.

A careful reading of the minutes up to the final meeting of the Company in 1890 provides no reference to the purchase or possible use of tokens. If the Company had ever intended to use tokens it appears almost certain that some discussion at the meetings would have been recorded in the minutes which covered other matters in such detail.

The ferry tokens (Breton 900) show a vessel which bears no resemblance to the type of ship used on the ferry service. If these nautical-minded shareholders went to the expense of ordering tokens it seems likely they would specify a vessel of the type used by their Company. The tokens may have been ill-advisedly ordered by some agent hoping to sell them to the Company before it was taken over by the Dartmouth Ferry Commission 1890.

If, as it has been repeated by Breton, a large stock of tokens was found in a building being demolished in Dartmouth it must have been associated with the Dartmouth Ferry Commission, as the Halifax Steamboat Company operated from Halifax across the harbour. This would indicate the tokens must have appeared on the scene quite late and probably just before or immediately after the Commission took over the service.

All tokens appear to be in uncirculated condition. It is a rare occasion when a ferry token is found in the Halifax area and those that do turn up are usually the property of some old collector who probably purchased them from some out-of-town dealer fifty or so years ago.

It seems very likely that Breton 900 may be called a Nova Scotia token but it is improbable that it was ever placed in commercial use by the Halifax Steamboat Company.

MEMO TO MEDAL COLLECTORS AMONG OUR MEMBERS

The catalogue, "War Medals and Decorations of Canada" by Ross W. Irwin, 1969, 125 pages, price \$4.00, is available from the author, R.W. Irwin, 14 Tamarack Place, Guelph, Ontario.

This catalogue of war medals and decorations, earned by Canadians or won in Canada, fills a vacuum in an increasingly popular area of Canadian numismatics. The catalogue lists all applicable war medals, decorations, polar, coronation, long service and efficiency medals as well as police medals and special awards. There are 96 medals and decorations described in the catalogue.

The section on war medals represents years of research and brings together for the first time the significant numerical information on medals issued to each regiment. There is also a great deal of supporting data from many reference works.

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An introductory section explains the system followed in Canada for the granting of awards and also contains technical information not repeated in detail in the main text. A simple numbering system has been included for numismatic reference purposes. This catalogue is a must for every person interested in Canadian medals and decorations. It is strip bound and is offset printed on heavy bond paper 6 x 9 inches, has a limp paper cover and 3 photographic plates.

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Chairman-Don McKelvie and Fred Hurley.
- Oct. 1 - Annual Banquet of the Halifax Coin Club in the Hali-
burton Room at King's College, Halifax. There will be
an "Awards Dinner" to honour some of the Club's out-
standing Members. Anyone in the area be sure to
attend.
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Information from Chairman-Pat Collins, R.R.#2,
Petersburg, Ontario.
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Arms. General Chairman-Lew Henderson, Bourse-Jake
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For information-Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show Com-

mittee, P.O. Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton, Ontario.

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Toronto. Host Club - Central Coin Club. Additional
information from: CNVCA, P.O. Box 91, Station "H",
Toronto, Ontario,

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1970 on Yonge Street, Toronto. Information from: The Sec-
retary, Central Coin Club, 306 Jarvis St., Toronto.

The following letter received recently is printed in its entirety,
firstly to correct a misquote from Mr. Lecuyer's speech and secondly
to show (a) how easily a mistake can be made and (b) how well we
are checked by the watchful eyes of our readers.

785 Willowdale Ave.,
Willowdale, Ontario.

Mr. W. E. Pat Lambert,
Editor, The Ontario Numismatist,
57 Emmett Rd., St. Catharines, Ont,

Dear Mr. Lambert:

In reference to a statement made by the guest
speaker, Mr. P. Lecuyer, at the recent O.N.A. 7th Annual Convention
an account of which appears on page 53 of the June issue of the
Ontario Numismatist.

Mr. Lecuyer stated that - and I quote - 'the
first Canadian coins appeared in 1810 in the city of Montreal'.
With all due respect to the knowledge of the speaker and his posi-
tion of Chief of Coining and Medals Division at the Mint, the above
statement is misleading and I am curious to know what coin or coins
Mr. Lecuyer referred to.

I have always been under the impression that
the history of Canadian coinage dated back to the French Regime,
1670. Perhaps through the medium of your excellent monthly publi-
cation other members more knowledgeable than I could throw some
light upon the question. I refer you to an address given by Mr.
R.W. McLachlan to the Royal Society of Canada in 1915, in which he
states - the earliest coinage struck for Canada in Paris in the
year 1670 is known by the first two words of the motto, the
GLORIAN REGNI series (Br. 501/2) this differs from the SIT NOMEN
of the regular French coins.

Yours truly,
Signed: May Bunnett, O.N.A.
#330.

In reply to the above letter I wish to advise the writer that, due
to a misquote on the part of one of the club's recording secretary's
Mr. Lecuyer's actual words were, and I quote direct, In 1810-
the first coin produced entirely in Canada, a peculiar and crude
piece that appeared in Montreal, bore a taunt and an insult to the
Governor, Sir James Craig, who was very unpopular. The face of the
coin bore a rough resemblance to him and was surrounded by the
words "The Torment of the Canadians" and on the reverse "Don't you
wish you may catch me".

We hope this clears up Mrs. Bunnett's query. If not, we invite
further comments.

COIN CLUB NEWS

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Main news from London has to do with the forthcoming Annual Banquet on Sept. 13th. Banquet and Draw tickets are now available. There will be eight display categories and a huge auction. Get ready over the summer.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

Last meeting took the form of a barbecue with an assortment of draws throughout the evening. This is the last meeting for the summer. September will feature a talk on the "Liberty Bell" by Tom Masters. See you in the Fall.

Most clubs do not hold meeting in July and August but will come back strong in September.

DATA ABOUT YOUR COINS

The 1871 Prince Edward Island One Cent is a good example of information shown on a coin that gives an insight to history as well as a description of its symbols.

The obverse of the coin is from a die used for the Jamaic hal-penny, engraved by Wyon in 1868. For a change the Royal title is in English. The official description is: Victoria, Queen, diademed head to left within beaded circle, below, the date 1871, between 2 roses. The reverse design also engraved by Wyon, has the Province's coat-of-arms, a large oak tree typifying the Mother Country and three small oak saplings representing the counties of Kings, Queens and Prince. The Latin inscription PARVA SUB INGENTI translated to English means-"The small beneath the great."

Although there were about 4 million in circulation it is difficult to find a real nice uncirculated copy. Establishment of the decimal coinage for the Island was contained in schedule "A" of the Act to establish Decimal Currency in April 1871. During the same period the Act agreed to assimilate the currency of the Island to that of the Dominion of Canada.

During the same period the Island had decided to construct as a Public Colonial Works, a railroad line of 3'6" gauge rails connecting Alberton with Georgetown touching on Summerside and Charlottetown with an extension to Souris and Tignish.

Some suggest that minting of this coin may have intended to commemorate authorization to construct the railway. However, the cost of the work created a financial hardship and the Island joined Canada in 1873.

The centenary of Prince Edward Island will afford another opportunity to issue a special commemorative dollar on July 1, 1973. Let's hope it is silver or an alloy.

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Coin Club)

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

THIS 'N THAT -

Here we are already August--summer's nearly over--many of our clubs are getting organized for the fall meetings--but before all this takes place may we remind our members and readers that two very important events take place this month--First - Your Association's display at the Canadian National Exhibition in the new hobby building located at the Dufferin Gate Entrance and once again our good friend, Vince Doran, is acting as our chairman---any enquiries, information, etc., can be answered by contacting Vince Doran, 606 Pape Avenue, Toronto, Ontario--Those of our members who are again putting in displays at the C.N.E. please advise Vince on how many cases you will require in the next week or so---This will help Vince to plan his display area---Second, of course, is Canada's big numismatic event of the year, the Canadian Numismatic Associations annual convention held this year in the Royal York Hotel, Front Street, (across from Union Station) in Toronto. Any enquiries as to displays, etc. contact Mr. Fred Jewett, Toronto Coin Club, (C.N.A. Convention Committee) 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario.---May we suggest that you take in both events and we hope to see as many of our friends and numismatic enthusiasts as possible at both events---Finally, Ye Ed would like to ask all of his past contributors of articles for our Bulletin to please sit down, count to 69, then write an article for the edification (?), illumination, etc. of the rest of us who are still learning about numismatics-- I believe that here would be an excellent place to say how much we owe to the bulletins of the various clubs, large and small, who have contributed so many excellent articles for the benefit of our readers--- I conclude with hoping to see as many of our readers as possible in August-- Please, if I don't know you but you know me, come and make yourself known so that I may get to know as many of our readers as possible-- I leave you with a typographical correction from last month's Bulletin--as a friend of mine would say "Bona SnowSHOES"

Ye Ed

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LATE FLASH :::

1970 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS SLATED FOR BARRIE ONTARIO. THE HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION WILL HOST THE 1970 CONVENTION ON MAY 2, 3, AT THE BARRIE CURLING CLUB.

In keeping with the O.N.A.'s communication link with coin clubs this announcement will allow arrangements to be made so that other shows will not conflict. We ask all coin clubs to send in their proposed coin show dates as soon as a time and place are decided upon, and once the dates are listed, that other clubs arrange non conflicting dates. Please watch proposed coin show dates each month.

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the July issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.



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COLLECTING CANADIAN COINS

For many years, after the rebirth of interest in 1954, the Canadian Decimal series gained in popularity and this was reflected in prices asked and obtained. This continued until the early 1960's, when speculators started manipulating prices and reached its climax in 1965 when many fly-by-night dealers and outright speculators went out of business leaving a bad taste in most tyro-collectors mouths. Since that date the interest in Canadian decimals has declined and this has been reflected in the prices which are usually governed by the law of supply and demand. The decision of the Government of Canada to debase our attractive coinage by striking them in pure nickel has accelerated the lack of interest in Canada's coinage.

Many numismatists who have this inexorable mania of collecting have switched to tokens, medals, paper money and oddities. By review prices realized in auction sales during the past year, will convince you that the law of supply and demand has pushed up the prices in the above items. The C.N.A. auction held in Toronto from Aug. 28-30 lists 1805 lots made up of 1,005 of paper money, tokens, medals and other than coins. Of the 800 lots remaining only 537 are Canadian and the balance other coinage. What a change from 1967 or any year before that.

One collector who switched from Canadian coins to tokens informed me that he derives twice the pleasure from tokens because the history behind each and every token is far more interesting to him. One collector of war medals can now tell you the names of most winners of the V.C. and the story behind every inscribed medal he has in his collection. Regardless of your present urge to collect, rest assured that there are many other facets of numismatics that may revive your interest if it tends to become jaded. They say variety is the spice of life but, very often our financial limitations prevent us from becoming too varied in our field of Numismatics. I do hope you can find the variety that will hold your interest in the hobby.

Arms or Ensigns Armorial of Canada is one phase of the hobby that is very interesting. In 1921 these

Coats of Arms were proclaimed for use in Canada as follows: Tierced in Fesse the first and second divisions containing the quarterly coat following namely, First, Gules three lions passant guardant in pale, or, second, a lion rampant within a double treasure flory-counter-flory gules, Third, Azure, a harp or stringed argent, Fourth, Azure, three fleurs-de-lis, and the Third division Argent three maple leaves conjoined on one stem proper. Upon a Royal helmet mantled argent doubled gules the Crest, that is to say, on a wreath of the colours argent and gules, a lion passant guardant or imperially crowned proper and holding in the dexter paw a maple leaf gules. And for Supporters on the dexter a lion rampant or holding a lance argent, point or flying therefrom to the dexter the Union Flag, and on the sinister a unicorn argent armed crined and unguled or, gorged with a coronet composed of crosses-patee and fleurs-de-lis a chain affixed thereto reflexed of the last, and holding a like lance flying therefrom to the sinister a banner azure charged with 3 fleurs-de-lis or; the whole ensigned with the imperial Crown proper and below the shield upon a wreath composed of roses, thistles, shamrocks and lilies, a scroll azure inscribed with the motto - A mari usque ad mare, and our Will and Pleasure further is that the Arms or Ensigns Armorial shall be used henceforth, as far as conveniently may be, on all occasions wherein the said Arms or Ensigns Armorial of the Dominion of Canada ought to be used. Perhaps you can understand what this proclamation says. If not, look at the reverse of our 50¢ coin 1937 to date which follows to some degree the Armorial Ensign of Canada. A distinct flag has emerged lately, perhaps we can design a coat of arms that will be as distinctive but will contain many of the emblems shown in the above.

1970 Commemorative Dollar

The design contest for the dollar dies to be used to commemorate the entrance of the Province of Manitoba into the Dominion of Canada had over 900 entries. The panel of judges that reviewed the designs consisted of Dr. Jean S. Boggs, Director of Canada's National Gallery, Mrs. Errick Willis, widow of Manitoba's former Lieutenant Governor, M.B. Steinkopf, Chairman of the Manitoba Centennial Corp, J. D. Ferguson, Hon. Pres, C.N.A., R. W. Lawson, Dep. Gov. Bank of Canada, R. C. Monk, Dept. of Finance and Ernest F. Brown, Acting Master of the Royal Canadian Mint. The Winning design was submitted by artist Raymond Taylor of Scarborough, who won \$3,000. for his effort. William R. Wordon, Don Mills, who lived in Manitoba most of his life was awarded \$500. for honourable mention, as did John A. Kopala and Marion Nicoll, of Calgary, Alberta.

The reverse of Taylor's winning design shows two crocus flowers and a bud. The floral emblem of Manitoba is the prairie crocus. Around the edge is "MANITOBA" separated by a maple leaf from the dates "1870-1970". Around the lower edge are the words "CANADA" separated by a maple leaf from the word "DOLLAR". Mr. Taylor will complete his responsibilities by submitting a plaster model of his design to the Royal Canadian Mint from which the dies are to be struck.

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DISCOVERY IS SATISFACTION

By Ricky Morse

According to a recent survey the interest in varieties in Canadian coinage is rapidly increasing in every section of the country including the Yukon. The dollar coin, has, of course, taken the lead, but collectors have also expressed interest in the cent through to the dollar coins of both 1968 and 1969. Dealers are offering to buy or sell "with island" and "without island" dollar coins in their ads in numismatic publications and many of these dealers really know little, or nothing, about the coin except that it either has, or has not, the all-important bit of the "island". Few of these dealers belong to any association that makes a study of varieties, and are mainly interested in one thing only...how to make a "fast buck". (One dealer's actual words).

It would pay the average collector to first make a "study" of all Canadian dollar coins...both silver and nickel. There are a great many new varieties to be found. Why pay the extra money when a few minutes with a good power-glass may show you a few varieties beyond your wildest dreams? Members of the Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association have found far more varieties in the dollar coins than those listed in the regular catalogues. The 1947 dollar in the three main varieties may be seen with the naked eye, these are the 1947 (blunt 7), 1947 (pointed 7) and the 1947 maple leaf. Then there are the 1952 silver dollars "with water lines" and "without water lines"...also clearly seen with the naked eye.

In 1953 we had the "wire edge" and "flat border" silver dollars, and in 1950 and 1955 the "Arnprior" type to look for and purchase. As the story goes, in 1957 the silver dollar had only "one water line"(if you were lucky enough to find it). Then, in 1965, the silver dollar "really went to town" with, not one, but five different varieties, and the dealers really "lined" their pockets. It was this year of 1965 that almost ruined the wonderful hobby of numismatics and coin collecting. In 1967 we heard of the "diving goose" and the "double-headed" goose, not to mention several other varieties of like-nature.

It really makes one wonder what "variety" will appear next. Personally, I study and collect varieties for the fun of it, and truly feel thrilled when I "discover" one that is hard to find, or has not been reported. Hans Zoell, the Canadian "error and variety" expert says that "to ignore the fact of existence, is to defy reality", and he is correct. Yet through the years, especially since 1965, a great number of varieties have been "found" in our Canadian coinage that have not been acknowledged by certain so-called numismatists.

The joy and knowledge that comes with the study of errors and varieties cannot be purchased from any dealer, and the satisfaction of finding your own varieties on your own coins is truly another form of happiness in the modern numismatic world of to-day.

(Thanks, Ricky, get well soon)

THE DEMISE OF THE HA'PENNY

The funeral of Britain's half penny occurred on July 31st, 1969, joining the farthing and half-farthing in the metallic graveyard reserved for inflation victims. With prices rising so fast the half penny by itself, won't buy anything except a postage stamp, and even that is beginning to be something of the past. As it ceases to be legal tender about one billion discs will gradually disappear. Killing the half-penny makes it easier for Britain to introduce decimal coinage in 1971.

Letter From Arthur Honour, Director Area 2

P.O. Box 325, Station B,
Hamilton, Ontario
July 31, 1969

Mr. Don Flick, President O.N.A.,
1523 Constance Drive,
OAKVILLE, Ontario

Dear Don:

It is with most sincere regret that I must offer my resignation as an Area Director of the Ontario Numismatic Association, effective August 31, 1969.

Because of several recent and unexpected developments not related to numismatics I have, after some serious consideration, decided that in order to make the most of certain opportunities I must move to British Columbia at the end of August.

I shall certainly miss my friends in the O.N.A., but I expect to remain active in Numismatics and trust that I will not lose touch entirely.

I will not be leaving until after the C.N.A. convention in Toronto in August, so I hope to have the opportunity to say "au revoir" to you and others personally at that time.

Sincerely,

Signed: W. Arthur Honour.

(From Ye Ed-All the best, Arthur, best of luck to a nice guy, will miss you personally as well as numismatically.)

COIN COLLECTORS DEMAND VOICE AT CANADIAN MINT

BY AARON ROBERT

Many Canadian coin collectors have been expressing their disappointment at the absence of numismatic representation on the new board of directors of the Royal Canadian Mint.

Under recent legislation the Mint was set up as a crown corporation reporting directly to the minister of supply and services. A six man board of directors was created, with three members to come from the government and three from the public. No provision was made for a numismatic voice to be heard on the board. The three non-government board members, to be named shortly, will be specialists in metallurgy, small foundry plant operations and business finance.

The government representatives are Ernest F. Brown, acting mint master, A.W. Hockin, deputy minister of finance and Robert Keith assistant deputy minister(finance) supply and services. Chairman of the board is Gordon Hunter.

The general feeling among coin collectors is that a numismatic representative on the board would present collector views on the composition, quality and distribution of coins, especially those in the specimen sets struck for collectors. Since nickel replaced silver in Canadian coins last year, there have been many complaints from collectors regarding deterioration in the quality of specimen sets. Several prominent Canadian numismatists have privately expressed an interest in being a consultant to the mint board if they could not be a participating member. Overtures have been made to appropriate federal officials but to date no replies have been received.

(Thanks to Ervar Digest)

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB-

The Orillia Club recently had a visit from the retail sales tax inspector when he inspected their books. He stated that everyone must pay the sales tax on coins bought at an auction or sign a paper and put down their permit number. The editor of the Orillia club is happy to announce that their son James has returned from the Sick Children's Hospital and is doing fine after a kidney transplant. "Gord-Glad to hear the good news about James - The Lamberts"

HAMILTON COIN CLUB-

The last meeting was spent arranging for the fall show to be held at the Wentworth Arms, November 8. Bad news came when the President, Arthur Honour, announced that at the end of August he will be heading west to British Columbia to seek his fortune. All good wishes go with Arthur who will be sadly missed.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

The great news out of Barrie is that they are going to host the 1970 O.N.A. Convention May 2 and 3, 1970. As it is also their 10th Anniversary this should be a great occasion and, while all the members realize the work involved they are ready to make it a success. All the best, Barrie.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB-

The last meeting was given over to plans for the Fall Show to be held October 18th. It will be a good way to get into work again. Hope to see you all there, Ye Ed. Yes, We hope to be on hand. Five trophies will be given for:-Best of Show, Best Canadian Miscellaneous Coins, Best Canadian Coins, Best Foreign Miscellaneous, Best Foreign Coins. There will also be a draw every hour.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

The program at the last meeting was the O.N.A. Audio-Visual slides "What's My Coin" and various panels tried to guess coins from clues given by Lloyd Smith. The September meeting will feature a talk by Percy Elgie on the "Magdalen Island Penny" and he will display a nice specimen of this coin. Plans are all finalized for the Banquet and Auction on Saturday, Sept, 13th at the Carousel Motor Hotel. Come one, come all and enjoy yourselves.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB-

The Club enjoyed a picnic during August when everyone seemed to have a good time. This was held in Burgoyne Woods and the pool was well patronized. This just about ends the summer fun and we hope all are ready for work next meeting in September.

TILLSONBURG NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

The last meeting featured slides on the Canadian 5¢ Silver pieces. This was one of the new slides received recently by the O.N.A. from B.C. and was well worth seeing. Plans were discussed about the Show on October 19th and the bourse tables are just about gone.

WELLAND COIN CLUB-

Welland has a new meeting place to start activities for the Fall season at the YM-YWCA, 201 East Main Street. There is to be a good auction and it is hoped that the new season will be started out with a bang.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates that we now have on hand.

- Sept. 13 - London Numismatic Society 18th Annual Coin Exhibition, Banquet and auction at the Carousel Motor Hotel, 591 Wellington Road, London. Further enquiries to William N. Clarke, 167 Delaware St., London. Come prepared for a good time.
- Sept. 28 - Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. For latecomers the General Chairman is Norm Scott and the Bourse Chairman is Rudy Brill.
- Oct. 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Auction and Coin Show. Chairman is Pat Collins, R.R.#2, Petersburg, Ontario.
- Oct. 18 - Kingston Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the Hockey Hall of Fame commencing at 1.00 p.m. Prizes will be given for Best of Show, Best Canadian Miscellaneous, Best Canadian Coins Best Foreign Miscellaneous and Best Foreign Coins. Bourse reservations from Fred Steele, 1480 Montreal St., Kingston.
- Oct 19 - Brantford Numismatic Society 9th Annual Banquet, Exhibition and Bourse. There will be 4 classes:-Canadian Coins, Foreign Coins (World), Miscellaneous and for the first time non-members will be able to exhibit. Also a Best of Show Trophy. Speaker-Dr. John S. Wilkinson and also judge the exhibits. More details next month.
- Oct. 19 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Seventh Annual Fall Show at the Orange Hall, Brock St, East Tillsonburg. Information re Bourse, Exhibits, Etc. contact Chas. B. Laister, R. R. # 3, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
- Oct. 25 & 26 - Windsor Coin Club Annual Show at the Norton-Palmer Hotel. Bourse dealers contact Carl Querbach, P.O. Box 173, Sandwich Post Office, Windsor 10, Ont. Show on Sunday from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- Nov. 8 - Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show at the Wentworth Arms Hotel on Saturday. General Chairman-Lew Henderson; Bourse- Jake Speijer; Displays- Ross Wilby; Auction - Hans Rapedius. For information write- Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show Committee, P.O. Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton, Ont,
- May 2 & 3- 1970 - The Huronia Numismatic Association will host the 1970 C.N.A. Convention at Barrie. Notice well in advance so all clubs can arrange their shows accordingly. See article on next page re this occasion.

FLASH -

The Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association has now opened a printing office in Toronto and is busy printing advanced information and flyers about their Convention being held in the Westbury Hotel, Yonge St., April 11-12, 1970. Host Club is Central Coin Club. Additional information either from CNVCA, P.O. Box 91, Station "H", Toronto, Ont. OR Central Coin Club, The Secretary, 306 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. Either Club will be glad to supply details as to Bourse, Exhibits, Banquet, etc. if contacted.

Nov. 1 - One more coin Show to list- Oshawa Coin Club Ninth Annual Coin-A-Rama to be held in the Genosha Hotel, Oshawa from 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. Bourse tables available from Bourse Chairman - Bruce Watt, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario

May 2 and 3, 1970

The Huronia Numismatic Association will host the 1970 Convention of the O.N.A. at Barrie, Ontario. This will be a twin event; the 10th anniversary of the Huronia Numismatic Association, and the 8th Annual O.N.A. Convention. Dealers and interested persons are urged to get in touch with the Huronia Numismatic Association for further details regarding bourse tables and set-up.

Situated in the heart of Simcoe County, surrounded by picturesque lakes and parks, Barrie is the hospitality city of South Central Ontario. Visitors to the 1970 Convention will find Barrie easily accessible by taking either Highway 11 or Highway 400 straight north from Toronto. Road mileage from the heart of Toronto to Barrie is 67 miles. The Convention will be held at the Barrie Curling Club situated on the Essa Road, the first cloverleaf that enters the city going north from Toronto. Situated here and in close proximity to the Barrie Curling Club are two well planned motels, the Holiday Inn almost across the highway from the Curling Club and the Continental Inn, the next cloverleaf north on Highway 90. Several more motels and hotels together with many dining places will make your visit to Barrie enjoyable and memorable. Remember the date, May 2 and 3, 1970, the place-Barrie. Come one, come all.

NEW ENGLAND MONEY BASIS OF VALUE AT CANSO

The following is a copy of a letter, which shows that New England Money was the basis of money or exchange used in Nova Scotia in the 1700's:-
"By virtue of an Order received from the Honourable Governor Armstrong and in obedience to his commands we the Subscribers have been on board the Schooner Mary Madlin within mentioned and according to the best of our knowledge and understanding finds her as she is found at this time, (after a strict and careful survey) to be worth ninety pounds New England money and no more. And it is further our opinion that the Master of the said Schooner shall receive for the vessells run from hence to the Isle of Sables, at her arrival here the sum of six pounds New England money in case she finishes the voyage with in the space of six days but if she cannot return here in less than ten days then the said Master is to receive ten pounds New England money but not to exceed that sum though she should not return in fifteen days."

Given under our hands at Canso the 24th Novemr 1725.

Phi Bamarisq William Blyn William Ellerey George Green

Halifax Currency - The use of the New England money, rates of exhhange, particularly that of Massachusettes, by colonists in Nova Scotia eventually began to be called Halifax Currency.

The use of Halifax Currency, exchange rates, were finally passed by ordinances and legislative acts in 1777 and 1795.

(Thanks to Halifax Coin Club)

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

NICKNAMES

An excerpt from "The Teach Yourself Guide to Numismatics"

By C. C. Chamberlain.

Money being something so near and dear to the human heart, and entering so intimately into the daily affairs of life, it is only natural that the vocabulary of numismatics should include a number of unorthodox designations, nicknames, or slang terms, some slighting and some semi-humorous. This was the case with the Ancients, more especially so with the Greek coins with their bizarre devices. Thus we read of the "tortoises" or "turtles" of Aegina, the "colts" of Corinth, and the "archers" of Persia. We read in Plutarch that the Spartan general Agesilaus complained he was driven out of Asia by ten thousand of the Great King's "archers", meaning, of course, that he was compelled to retreat by the chicanery of bribery and corruption. The drachmai of Athens, from the bird of Athena stamped on the reverse, were known as "owls", hence to take an "owl" to Athens was the proverbial equivalent in Ancient Greece of our phrase "to carry coals to Newcastle". Aristophanes jests with the name in his comedy "The Birds".

In modern times "quid", "bob", and "tanner" are used in everyday conversation almost as frequently as "pound", "shilling", and "sixpence". The derivations of such words are much disputed, and give endless amusement to those that delight in linguistic research. "Bob" was apparently a "bobstick", "bob" meaning "small" and "stick" suggests a German origin "stuck", a piece of money. "Tanner" is probably named from John Tanner, who was chief engraver to the Mint 1741-75. The sixpence was formerly known as a "simon" (perhaps from Acts ix. 43); John Tanner in 1738 counterfeited Simon's pattern coinage of Cromwell; hence the "simon" became popularly known as a "Tanner". There is little doubt that "joey" the Britannia groat or silver fourpenny piece, was named from Joseph Hume, the Member of Parliament who urged its introduction in 1836, for use in paying short cab-fares. The name "joey" was given in derision to this coin by the London "cabbies"; they took exception to the coin, as small fares were paid by this in place of the sixpenny piece. A "jimmy o' goblin" was a gold sovereign, but the origin of this word and that of our modern "quid" is unknown. Amongst obsolete nicknames we find "hog", a word applied to coins of varying denominations, but the phrase "to go the whole hog" is still current, and is believed to be a gambling expression derived from this word. "Rhino" is a word occasionally met with in seventeenth-century literature, meaning money or cash, though the derivation is uncertain; thus Tom Brown, in "Letters from The Dead to the Living"; "windbound for want of the ready rhino". "Brass" is a current colloquialism for money; in Old English the Latin word "aes" was rendered "brass", hence in early literature "brass" became synonymous with "money". (Piers Plowman iii, 189, Matt. x.9.); the word in this sense persists in our slang of to-day.

The "bawbee", derivation uncertain; possibly so called from the Laird of Sillebawbee, a Master of the Mint; First struck in 1542, value six Scottish pennies, or one English halfpenny. It is used in modern Scottish dialect to signify the British halfpenny. The Bawbee was also known as a "babie"; hence the somewhat alarming statement made in a return of 1693 to the Presbytery of Lanark that the collections of the kirk included "two bad shillings, a thrie, and a babie".

For those who found some interest in the excerpt above, here is a list of a few more nicknames. Of course, there are many more, but here are a few; some being real coin denominations in one country or at one time, but used as slang in our country to-day.

How many of these do you know:- Dibs, shekels, spondulics, blint, brass, tin, rhino, jack, dough, lolly, sugar, salt, dosh, ackers, cof, mopus, boodle, soap, oil and grease. Also fiver, tenner, pony, monkey, grand, shiner, chip, bob, cartwheel, bit (and multiples), buck, and expressions like snide and rap for counterfeit coins and slip, kite and flash note for forged notes. There are also expressions for money in general, such as pelf, lucre, filthy lucre, hard cash, spot cash, ready money, the best and for small amounts, pocket money or pin money. If you have made a packet or found the purse of Fortunatus, or, if you have feathered your nest or lined your pockets, or, are just in the process of opening the long purse, you may be able to add many words to this list.

(Thanks to London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

Following is a letter received from O.N.A. member, Gerald Glasser, and is published herewith for the general interest of all club editors:-

116 Sanford Ave. N.,
Hamilton, Ont.
July 20, 1969

Dear Sir:

Just a few lines of what I hope will be helpful criticism. The enclosed notice I cut from the Ontario Numismatist-Quote- Sept. 28- Bluewater Annual International Coin Show. General Chairman- Norm Scott, Bourse Chairman-Rudy Brill, Display Chairman-Don McKelvie and Fred Harley-" Where is the Bluewater Show? What is the address of the General Chairman? Or of any one of the other chairmen for that matter. I do believe the O.N.A. should screen the bulletins and reprimand any publicity chairman who would send in a notice such as this.

Sincerely,

Signed: Gerald Glasser O.N.A.#661

Editor's Note-

We agree partially with Mr. Glasser that there is not sufficient information as to addresses of the various chairmen. In this particular instance this was possibly an over-sight which is completely out of our hands. However, I do not feel that the O.N.A. is in any position to reprimand anyone for lack of information. Again I must draw attention to the note at the head of the proposed coin shows. We trust the various clubs will in future send Ye Ed all the necessary information regarding their shows.

CASSANDRA SAYS

I propose, in the ensuing months or until your editor throws me out of the Bulletin, to bring the readers of the Bulletin, who are or should be, keen members of the numismatic hobby, items on controversial subjects.

I believe one of the first items for consideration should be the difference between those who are keen, interested, enthusiastic numismatists, or to use the modern idiom, coin collectors and those who in my humble opinion are not worthy of the name, because they have only entered the hobby for one reason and one reason only, which was, and again I quote, "to make a fast buck".

Now I am not decrying the fact that many of us have in the past, made ourselves a dollar or two in the exchange of coins. This is not what I mean at all. I am talking about the people who go to the bank each and every year and order \$400.00 or \$500.00 worth of the new coins

with the idea in mind that some of these coins will either double or treble in value in the ensuing months. I have in mind, for instance, two or three members of my local club who boast about the fact that they are able, through personal "friendships", to procure \$100.00 or \$200.00 of, in this instance, 1969 dimes or nickles, without any trouble and then they turn around to their fellow numismatists and have the crass impudence to ask \$7.50 to \$10.00 for a roll of 1969 dimes and \$3.50 to \$4.00 for a roll of 1969 nickles. This, to me, is nothing but pure profiteering at the expense of their fellow club members, with no interest whatsoever in furthering the hobby. Then there is the member who comes along and asks the current value of, say, a 1948 silver dollar in average condition, and you quote him in the area of \$75.00 to \$100.00 more or less, who will then call you the next day acting like a real sorry-pants saying that he bought it for \$10.00. This is not only plainly dishonest but does tend to bring our hobby into disrepute.

My final squawk for this session is, that generally we know little about our hobby. Now let's be honest. How many books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc. have you read to broaden your knowledge of numismatics. There are many excellent periodicals, articles, etc. which appear from time to time in such distinguished journals as the A.N.A. Bulletin, the C.N.A. Bulletin and those put out by the British Royal Numismatic Society and all of these are available to any member for the price of the postage simply by writing to the librarians of these societies requesting the book, etc, you wish to borrow, BUT, how many of you use these excellent services? Speaking, not too long ago, to Hazel Munro who is the O.N.A. librarian, she informed me that it was "ages" since she had had a request for a book from their excellent library. Again our own local club librarian, who for obvious reasons, remains nameless, informed me that in 1968 she loaned out 2 books and to date in 1969 1 book.

In view of the above comments no wonder so many of our members feel that the coin clubs are falling down in their main object which is to educate their members in their hobby. Ask yourself how many hours of serious reading you have done about your own particular sphere of numismatics. For instance, the beautiful engraving of the Coat of Arms on our 50¢ piece, what do you know about it? Do you know what "Lions Rampant" means? Do you know why the Mint switched from silver to pure nickel coinage? Do you know why the dollar in 1968 was so poorly struck. These and many other questions are answered in the various books I noted.

Finally, I invite the readers of this excellent Bulletin to write me in care of your editor on the two controversial items I have mentioned and/or any pet beef, etc. you may have, your editor has promised his full co-operation in publishing letters and my replies within reason. So please write to me in care of your editor by the 20th of the month so I have time to prepare my answers.

"CASSANDRA"

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In view of the above article by our new contributor THIS 'N THAT will have to wait until next month. It is sufficient to remind our readers to send any letters for CASSANDRA to me at 57 Emmett Road, St. Catharines, Ontario.

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COIN CONVERSATION

By John McKay-Clements

The Spanish copper-nickel 50 centimos of 1949 can be found in two varieties, one is worth ten times the value of the other, to collectors. An interesting story covers the background of the more expensive coin. The coin has a round hole in the centre, just below this hole on the reverse will be found five arrows. They are apparently tied in the middle but fanned out at the ends with the arrow heads at the top, or up, on the most common variety which is the official issue. The trophy of arrows pointing upwards to signify victory is the emblem of Generalissimo Franco and it occupies about one third of the obverse of the 25 centimos of 1937, the first year of the Nationalist government. In 1947 a Monarchy was declared under the regency of Franco. Mint workers who were still supporters of the republic and opposed to Franco's plans are alleged to have re-designed the die of the 1949 50 centimos reverse to show the arrows pointing downward to indicate defeat. The intention was to embarrass Generalissimo Franco and the National government. A number of the "arrow-down" coins were struck, how many is not known, however some were actually issued into circulation and were later recalled by an angry government which destroyed them as quickly as possible. Some were hoarded by sympathetic Spaniards who did not turn them in and these are now fortunately finding their way into world type collections. My own specimens of the Spanish 50 centimos of 1949, both "Arrows-down" and "Arrows-up" are unaltered. The former was acquired several years ago in Helsinki before I knew about the story behind the origin of the two varieties.

The above-mentioned article was taken from the Temiskaming Speaker with the kind permission of its author, O.N.A. Director John McKay-Clements.

MOSTLY ABOUT COINS

During a recent conversation with a novice collector, I was asked what I thought the chances might be of finding or securing a 1943 U.S. copper cent. My friend explained that he had read a newspaper report of such a find and was hopeful of some day adding one of these coins to his collection. I failed to convince him that a genuine 1943 copper Lincoln simply does not exist.

Over the past few years some 50 or 60 have been reported, but so far unverified, except by newspaper stories. Such reports, appearing from time to time, are the probable reason for many collectors believing that such a coin exists. This is despite the fact that officials of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia have repeatedly stated that no copper cents were struck in 1943. The one-cent coins of that year were produced in steel only.

Supposing for the moment, that as some people claim, these coins were genuine and were placed in circulation in 1943. With upwards of 11-million collectors in the United States, does it not seem strange that they should circulate undiscovered for 20 years then a rash of "finds" are reported, all within the last five years?

Al Maynard, official authenticator for the Collectors Of Numismatic Errors Inc. (CONE) has reported in that association's bulletin "THE ERRORGRAM", that he has examined a number of 1943 dated U.S. copper cents and true to his expectations, none proved to be genuine.

The latest of these coins sent to Mr. Maynard for authentication (which the owner had visions of selling for \$30,000) was one that very closely resembled a genuine article. This coin, which had been found in circulation was accompanied by notarized graphs from a well known metallurgical laboratory indicating their findings of specific gravity and X-ray spectro-analysis and comparisons with a known 1942 normal bronze cent etc.

Maynard's examination and comparisons of the graphs indicated that with acceptable tolerance, the 1942 normal coin and the 1943 specimen were approximately identical in copper, zinc and tin content, the alloy used in the production of copper coins. The coin was then weighed both against a normal coin and by itself for total grain weight. The 1943 specimen proved to be 10 per cent lighter than a copper-bronze cent weighing slightly more than 42 grains instead of approximately 47 grains, which it should have weighed. Next, it was subjected to microscopic examination at 100X and upwards. Under this powerful magnification, porosity and other characteristics were clearly seen which verified the fact that the coin was simply a cast counterfeit, but of excellent workmanship.

Since the spectro-analysis indicated comparable alloy qualities, it may be assumed that the counterfeiter melted down bronze cents of 1942, or earlier date, in order to secure the correct alloy for his

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purpose. With this unknown person having gone to such lengths to produce the coin, it is also reasonable to assume that more than one of these items were so manufactured. How these coins came to be in circulation is anybody's guess.

This excellent article was contributed by O.N.A. member
Jack Wallace of the Kingston Coin Club founder of
Project Brenda

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The first meeting of the fall season featured three items of interest, the Canada Packers movie "Canada Produces", Mr. Churchill of London spoke on Paper Money and Walter Griggs also gave a talk. Plans were completed for the 9th Annual Show, October 19th when Dr. Wilkinson will be guest speaker.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB -

The most important news from this club is that they will host the CNVCA Convention next April in the Westbury Hotel. Even now plans are being made to make this a great event.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The first meeting of the fall featured a draw for an old coin box. Members brought their old coins and filled the box and one lucky person won it with the winning ticket. Already plans are going ahead for the O.N.A. Convention next May when it will also be the club's 10th anniversary.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB-

The first fall meeting featured a talk by Harry Eisenhower on "The Halifax Banking Company" with slides of this bank and other banks of Nova Scotia, from the Paper Money Society's library. The lucky draws were in keeping with the theme being a pair of bronze bookends shaped like a lighthouse with the name Nova Scotia across the base. Also William Clarke of London had a display of material from various Nova Scotia Banks.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB-

The September meeting featured final preparations for the Show to be held October 18th. Also the members were urged to get their displays ready, and make the show a success.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB

The September meeting showed slides on the Coins of Newfoundland and it was decided to have an auction at each meeting. There was a fair number at the meeting and we hope for better things as the season progresses.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The President gave a report of his visit to the A.N.A. Convention and the opening of the new U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. The meeting featured a spirited auction with the coins bringing good prices and the door prize was a Norval Parker medal of which the club has purchased several. Tom Muir was elected delegate to the C.N.A. Convention in Toronto and we are looking forward to his report at the next meeting.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The first meeting of the fall was given over to renewing acquaintances and arranging for future meetings. There was also the usual auction and refreshments.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

Final plans were made for the Bluewater International Coin Show on Sept. 28th. Also the Ontario Provincial Police of Petrolia are searching for \$3300.00 worth of George VI \$50.00 bills recently stolen. Anyone having any information of same please get in touch with the Police.

St. CATHARINES COIN CLUB-

The 92 members and guests were well entertained at the first fall meeting by an exceedingly interesting talk by Mr. Petrie of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society on the history of the Niagara Peninsula. Victor Snell also gave a report on the C.N.A. Convention in Toronto and a lively auction brought the meeting to a close.

TILLSONBURG NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

The meeting was given over to final preparations for the Fall Show on October 19th. There is to be a banquet and display classes the same as last year. There is to be a good auction and we hope it will be the success it was last year.

TORONTO COIN CLUB-

The September meeting featured a talk by Mr. John J. Pitman on his plans for the next two years and also his highlights of the A.N.A. Convention in Philadelphia. Mr. Pittman, although an American was one of the earliest members of the Toronto Coin Club.

A TOKEN WITH HISTORY

In 1051 an earl acted as mediator between King Edward (the Confessor) and Earl Godwin. He was known as Leofric the Earl of Chester, and also Lord of Coventry. His pretty wife was called Lady Godiva. You all know the story about how she rode a horse naked through the streets of Coventry in order to have local taxes abolished. This event has led to an annual pageant and a hotel is named after her husband "Leofric Hotel". In the Main Square in Coventry Lady Godiva's statue is located. There is also a giant clock in the tower of Broadgate House in Coventry with a peeping Tom in a window and Lady Godiva on a horse moving on an oval track cuckoo-clock fashion. During the late 18th and early 19th century many merchants in England had manufactured for them and circulated halfpenny and penny tokens as there was a scarcity of small denomination coinage. In Warwickshire a firm known as the Reynolds Co. Ribbon weavers had struck and used tokens showing Lady Godiva on her famous ride. They were issued in 1792 to 1795 and are listed in Dalton & Hamer's book called "The Provincial Token-Coinage of the 18th Century". They are numbers 231 to 237. The Obverse shows Lady Godiva wearing long hair covering the parts of her body that should be concealed with the words "Pro Bono Publico" around the upper edge and the date along the lower edge. The reverse shows a Castle on the back of an elephant and "Coventry Halfpenny" around the upper edge. Another firm Thomas Sharp Co. #312-issued a one-penny size token in 1797. The obverse had Lady Godiva (clothed) seated, holding a shield and a sword with "Civitas Coventrie" around the top edge and MLCCXCV11 across the lower edge.

Reverse showed Peeping Tom's house and date 1797 along the lower edge. Can you find another token that will link with an important or long forgotten event in history.

(Thanks to Editor of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin)

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates that we now have on hand.

- Oct. 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Sixth Annual Show in the Walper Hotel from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Display Chairman- Mr. John Craig, 105 Lancaster St. East, Kitchener. There is also a good auction. Draw is for a Centennial Gold Set at 5.30 p.m.
 - Oct. 18 - Kingston Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in the Hockey Hall of Fame commencing at 1.00 p.m. Prizes for Best of Show, Best Canadian Miscellaneous, Best Canadian Coins, Best Foreign Miscellaneous and Best Foreign Coins. Bourse Reservations from Fred Steele, 1480 Montreal St.
 - Oct. 19 - Brantford Numismatic Society 9th Annual Banquet, Exhibition and Bourse. For the first time non-members will be able to exhibit. Speaker is Dr. John S. Wilkinson. O.N.A. and own club cases only can be used for exhibits.
 - Oct. 19 - Tillsonburg Numismatic Society Seventh Annual Show and Banquet at the Orange Hall, Brock Street, East Tillsonburg. Information re Bourse, Exhibits, etc. contact Chas. B. Laister, R.R.#3, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
 - Oct. 25 & 26 - Windsor Coin Club Annual Show at the Norton-Palmer Hotel. Bourse dealers contact Carl Querbach, P.O. Box 173, Sandwich Post Office, Windsor 10, Ont. Sunday hours from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
 - Nov. 1 - Oshawa Coin Club 9th Annual Coin-A-Rama to be held in the Genosha Hotel, Oshawa from 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. Bourse tables available from Bourse Chairman- Bruce Watt, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.
 - Nov. 8 - Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show at the Wentworth Arms Hotel in the heart of Hamilton. For information re Bourse, Displays and auction write to - Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show Committee, P.O. Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton.
- 1970
- April 11 - The Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association will hold their Convention in the Westbury Hotel, Yonge Street, Toronto, with the host club being the Central Coin Club. Information either from CNVCA, P.O. Box 11 Station "H", Toronto OR Central Coin Club, The Secretary, 306 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont. Either club will be glad to supply details as to Exhibits, Banquet, Bourse, etc.
 - May 2 & 3- Huronia Numismatic Association will host the 1970 O.N.A. Convention at Barrie. Notice well in advance so all clubs can arrange their shows accordingly,

COINS OF THE ISLE OF MAN

The history and coinage of the Isle of Man have been traced back for many centuries, but little is known of the details. Coinage undoubtedly existed on the island in the 16th and 17th centuries.

The first legal tender coins of the island were struck in 1668 by a local merchant, John Murrey. These coins were about the size of a farthing and bore on the reverse the arms of the Isle of Man.

The design of the Island's arms or emblem is a figure of three limbs joined together at the thigh and is described as a "triune". The design is very old and its origin is not known. Later a Latin inscription was added - "Quocunque Jeceris Stabit" which means "Whichever way you throw it, it will stand."

At one time Irish coins circulated freely on the island, along with Murray's pence and regal English coinage. In 1710, copper coins dated 1709, which were cast rather than struck, were put into circulation by the Governor, the 10th Earl of Derby. The standard of coin resulted in many forgeries and as a result, in 1733, all existing coinage was outlawed and a new set of coins issued. Fourteen Manx pennies were equivalent to one British shilling and thirteen were equivalent to one Irish shilling. The 1733 penny was about the same size as the English halfpenny and the Manx halfpenny corresponded to the farthing. These coins were well designed, clearly struck and proved popular in Ireland and other countries, thereby draining the supply in the Isle of Man.

In 1758 new coinage was struck in the penny and halfpenny denominations, when the 2nd Duke of Athol became Governor of the Island.

The Isle of Man was purchased by the British Government in 1765. New coinage was struck in 1786 and later in 1798 and 1813. On the obverse was the head of George III and on the reverse, the Island's triune.

In the early years of the 19th century, a quantity of privately issued coinage and base foreign coins circulated freely on the Island. In 1839, an issue of Queen Victoria pennies, halfpennies and farthings were sent to the Island to correct this situation. A royal proclamation in 1840 was intended to discontinue the use of Manx coinage on the island but resistance prevented it from being effective until 1862. Since that date, English coinage has circulated on the island on an official basis.

(Thanks to the Ervar Digest)

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DID YOU KNOW - That, besides the common terms of blanket notes and shimplasters, many other names have been applied to notes, especially those of questionable banks. Some of these were ----- Blue Backs, Green Backs, Blu Pup, Brindle Pup, Stump Tail, Red Dog, Wildcat, Red Backs, Red Horse, Bob Tail and Rag Tag.

That a forgery is an illegitimate coin or medal; a Counterfeit is a coin or medal meant to deceive the public; an Imitation is a coin or medal copied from the original without fraudulent intent and that a Reproduction is a facsimile of the original coin for the purpose of research and exhibit.

BY RICKY MORSE

A tip-o-the-hat to "Cassandra" for his first column in the Ontario Numismatist which I fully agree with one hundred per cent. As a member of numerous coin clubs and Associations in both Canada and the U.S.A. I have met many of these so-called "numismatists" that prey on all their friends "just to make a fast buck" as Cassandra says.

My own personal library of over 300 numismatic textbooks enables me to study our hobby without borrowing from the many club libraries, but I do feel, as Cassandra does, that more members should take advantage of the library of the club to which they belong. Personally, I feel that many are inclined to be stricken with lazy-itis.

My "pet beef" is that there are not enough "workers" in any club or Association to carry the load of the work that has to be done, with the result that ONE MAN often has to do the work of four or five, and sometimes more. Sooner or later, this man's health will "give-out" or he will become thoroughly disgusted with the situation and resign.

While refraining from mentioning the name of any special club or Association in our hobby, I strongly feel that a few, and one in particular, are made up of those strange type of people who THINK that they are "so much better" than their fellow man. These people are commonly known as SNOBS, and have done more harm to our hobby than any good they may profess to have accomplished.

As I said in my Report, (see: Ontario Numismatist-Feb. 1969, Page 16), that the Ontario Numismatic Association extended the "hand of Goodfellowship", and that this could be especially noticed, (and felt) by others, both in the province of Ontario and elsewhere. In other words, the O.N.A. are not snobbish, and extend a hand of friendship to all.

May I take this opportunity to wish the O.N.A. the very best of luck with their 1970 Convention in Barrie, Ontario and tell Cassandra to keep up the good work.

(Thanks Ricky, come on and get well soon.)

CASSANDRA SAYS

I see that my first article draws one letter of comment and also some of his, the writer's, pet beefs- that of the great lack of workers in so many clubs---how very true this is. How often do you find it is the same? There are four to six members who are loaded down with not only their own particular jobs but are doing one or more persons chores who just failed to show.----I'm told that this was partially the case at the recent C.N.A. show---too few workers, too much work and some of the important things that go to make a show run smoothly were left undone---so who gets the blame for this---the very people who have worked their heads off to try to put on a good show---you just cannot win. Incidentally I feel that there was certainly a great lack of co-ordination in the various jobs at the show, and I'm told that there was not enough helpers -- like the distribution of exhibit cases---lack of communication re "changing of categories" (this is the prerogative of the Host club and gripe or not --this is their say so)---like the judging of exhibits, this too

was the choice of the Host club to choose their own judges and we should accept this even if we do disagree. I feel that the public should and could have given the Convention better support--- a pity ---but on the whole, it was a gigantic task which gave the Host club a chance to show their desire to help the C.N.A. and gain experience. Given a second chance I feel sure they will do as one rather disgruntled dealer said "Think a bit more of the dealer and not so much of the exhibitor". He has a point. The dealers pay for your show.

The "pet beef" this month is two-fold. Firstly the very serious matter of the dishonest dealer and secondly the spate of "Dealer Brankruptcies" we are experiencing. I recently heard about a letter from a very irate gentleman who lives in the U.S. who purchased some material---running in the area of approximately \$100.00 to \$150.00, only to find the material was counterfeit. After writing to the dealer concerned and receiving NO reply, he has placed the matter in the hands of one of the National Associations. I do not think there is too much of this going on, but even two or three instances are too many and does a great dis-service to our hobby. My considered opinion is to buy only from the dealer you know personally is an honest guy. It sure pays.

Now I come to the matter of the dealer who goes "bankrupt". What a sham this is. I do hope our Government Officials will soon wake up to what is going on and fill in those "loop-holes", which enables a dealer to cry "brankrupt" and then the next thing you know, he is in business again under another name. You, friend reader know them. So beware, do not do any business with them or the firm they supposedly represent. Remember "once bitten, twice shy". If you have been bitten and feel like letting off steam--don't forget--just put it on paper and send it to

Cassandra
c/o Your Editor

NEW MEMBERS

The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 737 Harry Eisenhauer, 501 Chester Street, London 17, Ontario.
- 738 Tony Hine, 1545 Venetia Drive, Oakville, Ontario
- 739 Wm. Stewart, 1560 Weston Road, Weston 335, Ontario.
- 740 Eddie Ball, 138 First Avenue, Brockville, Ontario.
- 741 Robert Parkin, 29 Cowan Avenue, Toronto 150, Ontario.
- 742 Eric Halliday, 1591 Dufferin Street, Toronto 170, Ontario.
- 743 John R. Cottrell, 4010 Lawrence Ave. E., Apt. 1506, West Hill 7
721, Ontario
- 744 Paul Sandvold, 837 Roselawn Ave., Apt. 204, Toromto 340, Ont.
- 745 Mrs. Audrgy Sue Mercer, 96 Fenelon Drive, Don Mills 405, Ont.
- 746 Jay Gordon Mercer, 96 Fenelon Drive, Don Mills 405, Ont.
- 747 Ian Douglas Cameron, 39 Oakley Blvd., Scarborough 732, Ontario.

NOTES ON ENGLISH MAUNDY MONEY

Since 1822 Maundy coins have been issued every year. In 1831, 1838 coronation sets struck in gold were made for William IV and Victoria. These however were not officially issued.

In 1932 King George V revived the personal distribution of the Maundy by the reigning monarch. Before 1650 the Maundy ceremony took place in Chapel Royal at Whitehall. Since that time it has taken place in Westminster Abbey. Elizabeth II has, however, distributed her Maundy in St. Paul's Cathedral in 1953 and in Southwark Cathedral in 1955, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the diocese of Southwark. She has also distributed her coins at St. Albans in 1957, St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in 1959, Rochester Cathedral in 1961, 1963 at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd at Chelmsford and in 1965 at Canterbury.

On Maundy Thursday, April 3rd, 1969, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will distribute her Maundy Money during the traditional ceremony to be held this year at Selby Abbey, Yorkshire. This ceremony is also in keeping with the celebration of the 9th centenary of Selby Abbey.

This year, 86 recipients, 43 men and 43 women will receive purses containing the maundy coins. It has been announced that 1969 will be the last year that crowns will be distributed due to the coming demonetization of the crown and half-crown pieces. In 1970, five shillings in some other form (but not additional Maundy coins) will be given.

Maundy money will survive after decimalization in 1971. The new maundy coins will have Arnold Machin's "Commonwealth Head" of Her Majesty on the obverse however; reverse designs have not been selected.

The Royal Almoners Office, Buckingham Palace, has announced that special precautions have been taken this year to ensure that the recipients are conducted to the Abbey for the ceremony and later back home, so that they will not be bothered by "persistent coin buyers". The list of recipients will not be made known in advance.

And so, on April 3, a great tradition will be carried on. Those words spoken nearly two thousand years ago still live amongst Christian men and in the significance of these small coins which can be appreciated by the collectors of to-day.

(Thanks to London Numismatic Society Bulletin)

DID YOU KNOW -

That in paper currency a Counterfeit note is one that resembles and has been copied from a genuine note. A Spurious note is a peculiar style of counterfeit printed or engraved from an original plate but bearing no resemblance to a genuine note except for the names of the bank and the signatures of the officers. An Altered note is one on which the name of a reputable bank has been replaced by the name of a suspended bank. A Raised note is a genuine note on which the amount has been raised to a higher denomination.

THIS 'N THAT

Well, here we are again, fall is with us once more, the various coin clubs are swinging into action ---- let us hope that we will have good attendance at all clubs with renewed interest in the hobby---First of all, let me congratulate Paul Sullivan who has been elected President of the City of Ottawa Coin Club and to Miss Keall who is carrying out the secretarial duties for the coming year---In passing let me say how dependent we are for short articles on the clubs and how very often we find these articles in the club bulletins sent to us faithfully by the secretaries and editors and for these we are truly grateful----Yours truly for i
health reasons was unable to attend the C.N.A. Convention which I believe was my great loss---However all being well, it is my hope that I will be able to meet many of our readers and friends at the various coin shows this fall and winter, starting with the Kitchener Show on Sunday, October 5th---Here is a show that we have attended for many years and never once have we been able to say it was a poor show---always something different---always something interesting and always well attended.---Also congratulations to Mel Fiske of the Niagara Falls-St. Catharines Coin Clubs, etc. who has been asked to take over the vacancy left by the resignation of Arthur Honour---Mel, we know is a true numismatist and a hard worker and we feel sure that numismatics generally and our Association in particular will benefit largely from Mel's interest and hard-working qualities---Good luck, Mel---Our readers must excuse me for being a little long-winded this month but you will remember that our new contributor, Cassandra, cut me out entirely last month and speaking of our friend, Cassandra, we'd like our readers to send in their ideas, pet beefs, etc. to Cassandra, so make with the pen, you folks, and let us hear from you---- So long for now---will talk to you again next month.

Ye Ed.



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YOUR MEMBERSHIP - 1970

Even as any business is only as good as its financial income so an organization such as ours is only as good as the contributing membership.

Of late years it has been noted that there has been a tendency to put off sending our membership fees until more or less the last minute. This has resulted in needless correspondence both by way of personal letters and the Bulletin to remind our members that they are in arrears, and even as a business cannot function too long without a steady income so our organization cannot function to its full efficiency without adequate funds to carry out its various day to day activities.

It was decided this year to appeal to our members to do one of two things:- Firstly, to endeavour to have that cheque in the mail not later than the 15th of January, 1970, but better still, Secondly, how about giving serious consideration to investing Fifty Dollars in a life membership, which has much to commend it, in as far as you do not have to worry about further annual dues and also you will save money in the long run.

Finally, I would point out that our hard-working treasurer would really appreciate those annual dues coming in early, without further solicitation, thus making his already burdensome office much lighter. On behalf of your President and Executive we ask your co-operation.

Ye Ed.

A STANDARD CATALOGUE

By Bill English

This subject has been bothering me for a number of years, namely, a Standard Catalogue of Canadian Decimal coins. We do have such a catalogue but is it really what it says it is? What about the future should the present authors decide not to continue to produce a catalogue?

Let me say that we have been very fortunate to have the present Canadian Numismatists guiding the destiny of our hobby with their fine works. We are starting to hear rumblings from the dealers if someone shakes the boat in regard to their values of material available and for sale. Who is right and who is wrong? We all know it is the collector who buys the material although sometimes we wonder if many of the transactions are not between one dealer and another and another with the collector being squeezed in along the line. This is sometimes done to create a market and when enough interest is generated you know what happens from there. It's the collectors and novice speculators that pay. Like everything else in these days of rising prices eventually the values will increase and some of the people involved who can wait long enough will realize their original value if they decide to sell their collections.

To get back to my main point of this article on what should and should not be included in the standard catalogue? I say that every Canadian coin, date and type, should be included in a standard catalogue. This sounds simple but it is not so. Who has decided what constitutes a type and an error. Varieties is a word bandied about loosely. It should be used as a descriptive adjective only because there are varieties of types and errors. For example, a mule coin can be a type coin as illustrated by the 1913 ten cent piece with the two different reverses. But a mule can also be a type coin with two different obverses such as the 1953 one cent pieces. So we have a variety of mule type coins.

An error coin such as the listed 1956 dot ten cent piece should not be in the catalogue. It is an error due to pitting in the die and there are many varieties of 1956 dimes with dots located in many places. They are not listed. Is this standardizing Decimal series.

We have read many articles on specific differences in the Canadian Large Cents of Victoria. We have to go to an Error catalogue to read about the date spacing variations in the Canadian Fifty Cent pieces from 1940 to 1950.

We find listings of wide O's and narrow O's, high and low O's, no water lines, one water line, one and a half water lines, no islands and islands, pointed 5's and blunt. The main problem is in consistency. If it can be listed for one date or denomination it should be listed for all or none.

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A case in point is the 1953 half dollar. A mule exists that is traded with the large date reverse and no shoulder strap obverse. The 1955 cent with no shoulder strap obverse and the regular reverse is another example of inconsistency. Neither of these coins are listed in the catalogue.

Some dealers or collectors may argue how can we take some things out of a catalogue and add others? How can we determine a value for something that has not been listed? Like everything else the values will evolve from supply and demand and auction records. Removal of listed coins is a matter difficult to resolve.

In my opinion, examples of die breaks which are error coins, are the pointed 5, 1965 small cent, 1946 Design and 1949 hoof over 50¢ pieces and the 1859/8 narrow 9 large cent. Should these be in a standard catalogue? Definitely not, but they are. We could go on with other specific listed or unlisted recognized coins but the main idea of this article is to find out what others think about our catalogues.

We must remember that Canadian decimal collecting as it is to-day is less than twenty years old and we owe much to the numismatists and scholars who have assisted in the many problems involved. The Standard catalogue covers much more than just the decimal series and here again credit is due.

We must think of the future and possible new catalogues and changes in the present catalogues. It would be fitting if our national or provincial associations could become involved through a committee to protect the future of our hobby. The local clubs and associations acting for "Mister Collector" could let such a committee know their opinions of the material they consider to be listed. The learned committee could then have some guidelines coupled with their own experience on the subject to guide future cataloguers.

If this subject has been bothering you and you think something should be done about it, let your association know so something can be done. Do it now.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The last meeting was a triple treat, first the Canada Packers movie "Canada Produces" showing how foods are prepared for the table, second, Harry Eisenhower spoke on "Paper Money of Canada" from 1870 to now, and third, the founding President Walter Griggs, outlined the benefits members may attain in the hobby and research, and urged the members to speak on their own topics.

BAY OF QUINTE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

The last meeting featured a talk by Ross Irwin on Canadian and other very interesting Numismatic items. It was decided to hold the annual show on April 18th next and anyone wishing to display to provide their own cases as it was a problem to get O.N.A. cases. It is hoped to have a speaker for each meeting.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The chief item at the last meeting of the club at Orillia was final plans for the banquet on November 6th. at St. David's Anglican Church. Also a nominating committee was chosen and elections will be held at the December meeting.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting a card was read from Arthur Honour informing us of his safe arrival in Vancouver and that he had already made some good numismatic contacts. The rest of the meeting was taken up with preparations for our fall show on November 8th.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The last meeting showed plans going ahead smoothly for the 1970 O.N.A. Convention next May 2 and 3, and it has been confirmed that the guest speaker will be John J. Pittman, President of the C.N.A. Also the Constitution and Rules came up for discussion to see if they are keeping pace with the Club's progresss. Further thought is to be given by the members and any changes to be brought up at the next meeting.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

The highlight of the last meeting was a talk on "The Halifax Banking Company" by Harry Eisenhauer. He showed a number of slides of the notes on this bank and other Nova Scotia banks. A case of material from early Nova Scotia Banks was displayed by William Clarke of London. A lively auction was conducted by Charlie Laister.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB -

Most of the last meeting was given over to details for the show being held this month. Some members reported having attended the N.N.Y.C.C. Show at Claytonn New York in July and that it was very entertaining. A Corn-weiner roast held during the summer was enjoyed by all and helped to made for a good summer.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

A report of the C.N.A. Convention was given by Alex Sweeton who said the three speakers on British Empire Coins, Paper Currency and Roman Coins was much enjoyed. Mr. P. Elgie gave an interesting talk on "The Magdalen Island Penny" which is not too well known. There was a display of this token from Mr. Elgie's own collection. Two fine new books, English Coins and Roman Coinage have been added to the library and it is hoped these books will be used.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB-

The outstanding feature of the last meeting was the election of Paul Sullivan to the presidency for the next year. The secretary for the ensuing year is Miss R. Keall so the club is off to a good start for another year.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB-

An interesting item is the Essay Contest For Juniors where, junior members fifteen years and under may write an essay on coins or coin collecting and these will be judged by Don Thomas, Editor of Coin, Stamp and Antique News. The winners will receive prizes. Good idea to get more juniors interested.

PRESTON COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting there were numerous opinions brought forth as to whether the name of the club should be changed since the meeting place is being changed to Galt. It was decided to give the matter some thought and come up with a name with the name "Galt" in it. Also the O.N.A. slides on "Canadian Fractional Currency" was shown and the meeting ended with a lively auction which was enjoyed by all.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB-

The last meeting was a more or less "free and easy" meeting with guests present from Welland and Niagara Falls. The display winners were- Senior-Vic Snell and Mrs. Glasser and Juniors - Bill Aaroe. Lloyd Dorsey conducted a lively auction at which the bidding was lively as usual. Due to no banquet being held this year a lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The outstanding event of the last meeting was a talk by Harry Eisenhower of London on Canadian Paper Money. The Past Executive will be the nominating committee for the coming year and will bring in their report at the November meeting.

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

The last meeting had three very distinguished speakers, namely, C.N.A. President, John J. Pittman, 2nd Vice President-F. C. Jewett and Ontario Director-Walter Griggs. Mr. Pittman is the first American to hold this office and was also one of the earliest members of the Toronto Coin Club.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY -

We of the Waterloo Coin Club wish to welcome back after the summer all our members. Mrs. Shirley English gave a talk on "Why Join Coin Clubs" which was enjoyed by all.

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the October issue have now been accepted and the following new applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

748 Donald L. Mitchell, 998 Huron Street, London 25, Ont.

749 Wm. Boynton, 14 Auburndale Court, Rexdale, Ont.

750 William Jehan, 2 Edna Ave., Toronto 165, Ont.

751 Robert Edward Sargent, 1212 Hancock St., Port Huron, Michigan,

752 Robert Flanders, Paisley, Ont.

753 Robert Aaron, 237 Douglas Ave., Toronto 320, Ont.

754 William D. Feeney, 81 York St., Kitchener, Ont,

C64 Pembroke Centennial Coin Club, c/o C. G. Beach, 259 Patricia St.

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HUMOROUS SIDE-

London Tax officials thought they had Bill Hughes dead to rights when they charged him with bookmaking and failing to pay taxes on the proceeds. The 50 year old shipyard worker admitted having saved \$16,800 on his \$56.00 a week salary, but said he had done it this way:

Never ate candy, never smoked, never drank, never went out with women, shaved with his brother's razor blades, charged his grandmother 12 per cent interest on money she borrowed, worked a night shift and borrowed his father's shoes while the latter slept to save shoe leather, went 13 years without buying a new suit, never bought a single flower, limited his life-long movie-going to one picture, ate everything on the table even if he didn't want it, patched everything including his underwear, never took a trip for more than 56¢.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates that we now have on hand.

- Nov. 1 - Oshawa Coin Club 9th Annual Coin-A-Rama to be held in the Genosha Hotel, Oshawa from 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. Bourse tables available from Bourse Chairman - Bruce Watt, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.
- Nov. 6 - Orillia Champlain Coin Club will hold their third annual banquet in St. David's Anglican Church from 6.30 on. There will be a hot turkey dinner, draws, share-the-wealth draw and two films. Come and enjoy yourself.
- Nov. 8 - Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show at the Wentworth Arms Hotel in the heart of Hamilton. For information re Bourse, Displays and Auction write to - Hamilton Coin Club Fall Show Committee, P.O. Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton.
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- Feb. 28 - Canadian Paper Money Society convention in the Dominion Room at the Toronto-Dominion Centre in Toronto. There will be 25 bourse tables available. Note extension from one to two days due to increased interest. Application forms and information by writing to The Secretary, c/o P.O. Box 7, Postal Station "S", Toronto.
- Mar. 1
- Mar. 28 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association 1970 Banquet and Show in Grace United Church Hall on Saturday, March 28th. Details as to bourse, etc. in next Bulletin. If the Bourse dealers want to book well ahead write to P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Mr. A. W. O'Neill, Secretary.
- Apr. 11 - Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association will hold their Convention in the Westbury Hotel, Yonge St., Toronto, with the host club being the Central Coin Club. Information either from CNVCA, P.O. Box 81, Station "H", Toronto OR Central Coin Club, The Secretary, 306 Jarvis St., Toronto. Either Club will be glad to supply details as to Exhibits, Banquet, Bourse, Etc.
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- Apr. 18 - Bay of Quintee Numismatic Association will hold their Annual Coin Show at the Quinte Hotel, Belleville, corner Bridge & Pinnacle Sts. Exhibitors to supply their own cases. Room for 8 bourse dealers will be available. More details a little later.
- May 2 & - Huronia Numismatic Association will host the 1970 O.N.A. Convention in Barrie. Guest speaker will be Mr. John J. Pittman, President of the C.N.A. Notice well in advance so all clubs can arrange their shows accordingly.
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TENDERS WANTED

We are requesting tenders for our auction at the O.N.A. 9th Annual Convention to be held at Barrie, Ontario on May 2nd and 3rd, 1970. Please send your auction tenders direct to President Don Flick, 3263 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto 14, Ontario. Please also remember "the early bird catches the heap big worm" - (The O.N.A. Auction).

AWARD OF MERIT

Please start thinking about your "O.N.A. Award of Merit" (1970) nomination. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person whom you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile past time. This is the person who should receive your individual consideration, then take to your club for their support. Let's make it tough on the O.N.A. Executive this year and give them some real opposition to choose their Award of Merit Winner.

CASSANDRA SAYS

Since our last issue I have had (2) letters from (2) very distinguished folk - Past President O.N.A. Bill English- who writes a short note in which he partially agrees with my comments re the conniving member who "bleeds" his fellow members by selling hard to get new current coins, etc, but then, in turn, blames the buyer for getting in on the action. Here is Bill's letter---

"Dear Cassandra -

I agree that your example of the collector club member who buys a quantity of hard to find current coins at face and then sells them to other members at a handsome profit is hard to swallow. To buy by the roll means that the other club members want to get a piece of the action, are they not just as guilty as the lucky first collector. If you divide the number of coins in a roll into the value that "Mr. Profiteer" is asking it then becomes quite reasonable for any club member to buy one or two coins. Let's face it, if many other collectors were not greedy Mr. Profiteer would not exist".

Another letter from Mr. John McKay-Clements also gives this would-be columnist quite a lesson in the history of our lady "Cassandra". The article is so good and does point some good natured pokes at you know who that I shall print it in its entirety but not until the December issue due to lack of space. I'll say this, though, to put you at ease, Mr, McK-C, Cassandra is no lady and I can assure you Ricky Morse doesn't know who "he" is-and I'm giving no hints to my identity, even if the writer of our above-mentioned letter does think he knows.

Recently I read an article in Coin World I believe, where an enterprising firm was offering a course on "Numismatics" for a nominal sum of I think \$10.00, and it struck me that perhaps here is a field where one of the numismatic associations - C.N.A., A.N.A., O.N.A., etc., could perhaps give guidelines to such a course, perhaps through the medium of one or even all three of their monthly publications we could get specialists in the various aspects of our hobby to write an article, covering some facet of the hobby with which he or she specialized. For instance, to mention a few - Fred Bowman on Early Tokens - Jim Charlton on grading and identification of coins - E. V. Snell on paper money - John J. Pittman on Early Canadian Decimal Coinage, Alan MacNab on the Early History of Medals and Military Media -- Major Sheldon Carroll on the Bank of Canada Museum and his vast knowledge of our early coinage. Why, as you can see, we have a great number of real dedicated men who

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would, I feel sure, devote a few hours of their time to writing an article on their particular sphere. Could, perhaps, I suggest that some of our experts spend a few hours for the benefit of our hobby by writing an article for general education of us lowly but willing to learn numismatists? John J. Pitman, in your so busy schedule, could you start with an article of say 1,000 to 1,500 words on the subject "Early Canadian Decimal Coinage". John J. as he is affectionately called, has devoted hours of his time to the hobby which is why I feel he would indeed start this off. Send it to whom you wish - C.N.A., O.N.A., or A.N.A., but please, John, do it.

Yes, I've a beef for this month - why in sam hill are the Royal Canadian Mint spaking the collectors \$2.00 next year for "this nickel dollar". Bet there will be many who will think as I do, \$2.00 for a nickel \$1.00 is ridiculous--Come on, Mr. Brown, Mr. Benson, raise your needed tax dollars somewhere else.

Cassandra.

THE PETITION CROWN - 1663

In 1662, the Mill and Screw process of minting coins was re-introduced into England. This new method of coin production necessitated a new design for the coinage.

Thomas Simon was the engraver at the Royal Mint and was responsible for the fine dies used for the hammered coinage of Charles II and, it was assumed, would design the new milled coinage.

However, Jan Roettier, of Antwerp, whose father had assisted Charles II during his exile, was brought over to England to work with Simon, under the direct patronage of the King. From the outset, Simon and Roettier were unable to work together and the two rivals competed for the design of the new coins. Roettier's designs were selected, it would seem more from personal favouritism than from their artistic merit.

In 1663, Simon designed and struck his famous Petition Crown as a pattern and also, as a final appeal to the King. Around the edge of the magnificently engraved coin in two lines and minute lettering is the petition:- "Thomas Simon most humbly prays your majesty to compare this his tryall piece with the Dutch and if more truly drawn and emboss's more gracefully order'd and more accurately engraven to relieve him".

About twenty of these coins were struck and to no avail, the design of the major pieces was Roettier's, while to Simon was left the production of the minor coins, (groats, threepenny-pieces, half-groats and pennies).

To-day, only 15 specimens of the Petition Crown are known, six of which are in museums.

(Thanks to William N. Clarke, London Numismatic Society.)

Have you noticed that very few coin collectors smoke cigarettes? Several collectors have commented on this and have suggested that it may be because collectors prefer to save their money to buy more coins. If we consider that the average smoker spends close to \$100. a year on cigarettes, we can readily see that a beautiful collection could be built up in a few years if all this money went for coins. So how about it?

THIS 'N THAT

Had a note from Arthur Honour, President of the Hamilton Coin Club who recently moved to British Columbia for business reasons and he tells us he has settled in and already is becoming acquainted numismatically with the various clubs around Vancouver---Arthur will be writing an article shortly for our Bulletin on "Commemorative Coinage"--Good luck, Arthur in your new venture---Our genial secretary suggests I remind our members that November 30th will be the final date to order your O.N.A./St. Catharines medals----I am given to understand that there are quite a few members who have not ordered yet--don't be caught short -- get that order in to Bruce Raszmann, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, in the next week or two and avoid getting a "sorry, none left" note from Bruce --- Had a last minute note from fellow Director, Charles Miller, giving me details of the Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association's latest meeting --well attended (32), plans for the forthcoming spring show were discussed and are progressing well -- so keep that most important date free--April 18th, Saturday, 1970--- A final memo to all club secretaries, will you if at all possible, send me your club notes by Dec. 10th. for due to Christmas mail onslaught we must be sure to have our bulletin in the hands of the Post Office by the 15th of December--Thank you for your kind co-operation--hope you hunting enthusiasts got your count --- All being well, I hope to say a personal hello to Nelson Boltz in Halifax at Christmas as I hope to be there to spend the holidays with my son and his family---See you in December



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JUNIOR COLLECTORS ON TELEVISION

By Bill English

CKCO Television, Channel 13, Kitchener, Ontario, in co-operation with "Big Al" is inviting participation in a coin panel and an exhibit contest.

In conjunction with the Big Al's children's program, a contest, to get junior collectors actively participating in exhibiting, has been planned. The plan is to get as many coin clubs and/or other groups to sponsor junior coin exhibits at local meetings. These exhibits are to be judged by the Ontario Numismatic Association judging point system and one junior winner will then appear on the Big Al Television program with his winning exhibit. Bill English will discuss the display to other junior and possibly not junior collectors.

Each display appearing on the show will be judged by the O.N.A. point system and the winning display will then win a special trophy donated by CKCO-TV. All Participants on the show will receive recognition from Big Al and the Ontario Numismatic Association. Exhibit rules are necessary for both setting up the displays and judging. These may be obtained from "Big Al Coin Exhibits" CKCO Television, Kitchener, Ontario.

Secondly, a coin panel, made up of junior coin collectors, in the viewing area of CKCO, will be composed of young active numismatists, who belong to coin clubs in Southwestern Ontario. The moderator of the coin panel will be Bill English who talks about coins each week on the Big Al show.

The thought behind both of these programs is to get active participation, where the junior collectors may be recognized. It will, we hope, also encourage other juniors and possibly many adults to explore the hobby of collecting numismatic material.

Although we call it coin collecting, coins are only a small segment of the hobby. Paper

money, tokens, medals, numismatic literature, wooden money, military badges are a few of other collecting avenues open to the collector.

We ask all clubs to plan junior exhibit meetings and select winning displays, so that both the junior collector and the club to which he belongs may get recognition. A trophy and prizes are part of the reward so don't delay, plan now to participate.

MANY COLLECTORS TOIL TOGETHER

By Ricky Morse

I think all of us, at one time or another, have collected stamps for a period of time. In our younger days, the colors and pictures depicted on the stamps of the world held a fascination that beckoned to many of us, and still does to a degree.

Both coins and stamps have been referred to as the King of Hobbies, and both have their merits in many ways. Personally, I collect both, but truly feel that coin collecting is the best for a conglomeration of reasons.

Stamps are too easily damaged, and once a stamp is torn, or a corner missing, no collector wants it. A coin, in a manner of speaking, goes on forever, unless, of course, it is melted in a fire or mutilated excessively.

Nobody ever throws away a coin, but millions of stamps are thrown in the garbage cans each week. Once a stamp is used, (cancelled), it cannot be used again, but a coin travels many millions of miles during its "lifetime".

Both stamps and coins have their stories and the history as to why they came into being, who designed them, and either printed or minted them, and both are interesting from this point, but the actual history of coins goes further back in time than the history of stamps.

Many coin clubs have encouraged stamp collectors to attend their meetings, and, in some cases, have even named the club the "so and so" stamp and coin club. It is true that some coin collectors cannot abide stamp collectors and vice-versa, but both hobbies should blend together as they are both interesting and educational.

I have noticed that more young girls collect stamps rather than coins, and this fact has always puzzled me. Perhaps it is because stamps are lighter to carry, and not so cumbersome if the collection is a large one.

The Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association sponsors Project Jerry, which is a plan to give stamps, and stamp books, etc. to crippled children who are not interested in coin collecting. The lady in charge of this project is Mrs. Lilian Zant, 647 Murdock Avenue,

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Noranda, Quebec. If you have any stamps in the house that are not doing any good, please send them to Mrs. Zant and she will see to it that some child is made happy.

Mrs. Zant is also one of the directors of Project Brenda, which is a plan to give coins and numismatic material to invalid children and she will welcome donations for this worthy cause also. We, who have our good health, and firm bodies, should help those far less fortunate to find happiness via the hobbies we enjoy. Helping is Happiness.

F.C.N.R.S.

Just what do these initials stand for and how do they relate to numismatics? To the uninitiated it stands for "Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society". What is that, you may well ask? It is an organization formed in August 1963 by a group of dedicated numismatists who were and still are very concerned with the trend being followed in numismatics. They feel that far too much emphasis is being placed on speculating in decimal coins at the expense of study of our historic medals, tokens and the like. They feel that concentrated study in all fields of numismatics will counteract this avarice incursion into the field of numismatics.

It is composed of a group of men who enjoy the hobby and want to see it thrive. They are trying to re-nourish the hobby by doing research and making the results of their research available to others. Membership is by invitation only and is based upon what a person has contributed to Canadian numismatics through research. This restriction on awarding fellowships, they feel, will result in more accurate information that can be relied upon being disseminated to all true numismatists in a comprehensive readable form. This attitude has paid off and many fine examples of reliable periodicals have been produced since 1963 that have been established as authentic sources of information. It is a never ending job as new discoveries have been made as a result of this meticulous research. If anyone will read any of the following published booklets perhaps they will realize how many of our fellow collectors are putting untold hours of work in order to help you and I.

Bowman - Communion Tokens, 1965; Ontario Trade Tokens; Croghan - Canadian Cent Varieties; Gingras - Transportation Tokens of British Columbia; Tannahill - Saskatchewan Trade Tokens; Stewart - Manitoba Trade Tokens. There are others but they are serving you with these.

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin)

DID YOU KNOW-

That the Victoria Numismatic Society issued a British Columbia Centennial Medal as a commemoration of its 100th anniversary. It showed the Parliament Buildings on the obverse and Sir James Douglas first Governor of B.C. on the reverse. A really nice item to have in a historical collection if you can find one.

That a 1948 50¢ Canadian half was only worth \$6.50 in XF condition and a 1947 blunt Canadian \$1.00 was only worth \$7.00 in an auction held in London, Ontario on February 22, 1958.

Coin Collection, it is reported, has become Canada's most popular and one of its most profitable hobbies,----- with both old and new coins.

The following is a letter from John McKay-Clements of Haileybury . . . which speaks for itself.

"WHO IS CASSANDRA"?

Dear Pat:

Only you and Ricky Morse know who this modern Cassandra is. Why doesn't he or she get out from behind the nom de plume and use the same name that he or she uses on a cheque. I'm sure your readers would have more respect for the views that are being expressed if they knew the identity of your anonymous writer. How the dickens did Cassandra get into the field of numismatics anyway? The last I heard of her, she had been neatly polished off by Clytemnestra. Cassandra was quite a girl. Her pop was Priamus, the king of Troy during the Trojan wars and had two wives. I never did hear what happened to the first (her name was Arisba), the second, Hecuba, was Cassandra's mom. She had quite a spectacular end, the Greeks made her a slave. Her son was murdered and when his mother found his body on the seashore she had her revenge by putting out his murderer's eyes and killing his two children. She was finally turned into a dog and jumped into the sea at Cynossema which means "Dog's Tomb". Homer says Priamus had fifty children, nineteen of these were Hecuba's. When I think about it, I have a feeling that Cassandra is no lady at all, she never had a very good reputation in the old days (remember how she welshed on her deal with Apollo that if he would confer on her the gift of prophecy she would comply with his ideas of fun -- she broke that promise). He squared things up by a decree that no one should believe her prophecies. She got her just reward in the end, when Troy was captured she fled to the divinity Athens for sanctuary, However Ajax grabbed her and in the final division of the booty she became the property of Agamemnon who took her to Mycenae where Clytemnestra put paid to her account. Perhaps Cassandra might make some claim to knowledge about the ancient Greek coins (with all that family background) but isn't she a little bit out of her depth meddling with our modern club-member-dealers, coin-club-management-problems, dishonest-fast-buck-boys and the fast-returning-bankrupt-dealer. Something Ricky Morse said in his letter to Cassandra gives us a clue to the possible sex of our modern mystery gal. Trust Ricky to find out. He may get a little confused about when a token is a coin but he'd never be confused about what he saw just below the hem of Cassandra's mini skirt -- they must have been knobby, for did he not say he tipped his hat "for his first column". (If it should be, Pat, that your editorial scoop really is a lady, then I tender my most sincere apologies to her for saying she may not be a lady. I must blame Ricky for leading me astray). Whether Cassandra be male or female, I'm sure the readers of the Journal all wish "her" well. I for one promise to ignore Apollo's decree about believing "her" prophecies, if "she" ever makes any.

Sincerely yours,
John McKay-Clements.

CASSANDRA SAYS

As you will have read Friend McKay-Clements gives you a very good run-down on the person whose name I've taken as a pseudonym--- I feel he's doing a little fishing somehow-- but in fairness to our fair sex members I shall set their minds at rest--I am not of their gender!!!---Although I'm most sympathetic and welcome any letters you wish to write with any points of interest for our readers.--I've had three letters this past couple of weeks but their contents are of such a controversial nature that I have had to withhold them from publication---After all this is for the interest of our hobby and our readers---not a platform for any one person to name-call or ram unpopular theories down our throats.

A few comments to "John", if I may be so bold ---My knowledge of Greek coinage is indeed small -- indeed one might even say my practical knowledge of coin collecting as a whole is not too great -- but I am learning-- in some ways the hard way--and I am trying to keep an open mind on many of the more complex problems which face our hobby. May I then ask some pertinent questions to the more knowledgeable of our readers-- for instance, Why is there such a big range in price between grades of our coins--viz.- an E.F. 1935 Silver Dollar runs about \$15.00, yet an uncirculated one is supposedly worth \$35.00, about double -- a 1948 Silver Dollar E.F. sells at \$200.00 yet \$325.00 is asked for one in uncirculated condition--The difference in condition seems to be so slight that, to the uninitiated it appears too small -- and speaking of difference in grading -- Surely some of our brainy members of our hobby should sit down and work out some form of "Grading Guide For the Amateur" (for want of a better title) -- something to help us to know if we are really buying a Very Fine or Very Good(?) coin.-- In all honesty, I must say that 95% of our dealers try to be honest with their grading but even among themselves there is a big difference between say, Very Fine and Extremely Fine -- depends upon whether you are buying or selling!! But seriously, I know here would be a worthwhile project - a real big one -- but, Oh Boy, so helpful to the average collector.

You will note I have kept my column this month free from beefs -- I have done so purposely -- I feel I should also try to pass on helpful hints and even the odd bouquet, when it is deserved. Finally, to those of you who have taken time out to drop a few lines to this "budding columnist" a big 'Thank You'. I hope I can contribute something to the hobby which has given me so many, many hours of real pleasure.

I wish you all a Healthy, Happy and truly memorable Christmas.

" C "

DID YOU KNOW

Pennies were once in such demand that speculators offered Midwestern merchants in the United States 100 pennies for \$1.05.

No halfpennies were minted in England last year for the first time since 1860. The Royal Mint's annual report says it is fairly certain the coin is nearing its end. Farthings, worth a quarter of a penny, were taken out of circulation in 1960.

When a design on a United States coin is changed, it is done at the direction of the Director of the Mint.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A NUMISMATIC NEW YEAR

DON FLICK PRESIDENT

And to insure for better things ahead, I hereby make a New Year's Resolution - "That the O.N.A. will in 1970 do everything within its power to improve our Display Case Service to the coin clubs of Ontario".

There has been some criticism of this service from some of the clubs in the past and while the O.N.A. must take a large share of the blame, there have also been two other culprits - "The Case of the Careless Coin Club" and "The Case of the Delicate Display Case Crates".

To rectify the crate situation the O.N.A. has just spent several hundred dollars on new, stronger and simpler to operate crates that if used with care by the clubs and handled with care by transportation companies, should last for many years to come.

In order to function for a larger number of coin clubs, the O.N.A. has now reduced the number of display cases that can be ordered at any one time by any one club from 70 to 50 cases. To eliminate some of the confusion caused in the past by word of mouth or telephone ordering, cases now will only be released by the Display Case Chairman upon his receipt in sufficient time of an O.N.A. Display Case Order Form with deposit enclosed. This order will always be filled on a first come first served basis and never for favouritism or any other reason.

Order Forms may be received by writing the chairman.

I know that the above measures taken by this organization will improve our service to the clubs. If all the clubs in their turn will co-operate by ordering correctly and in lots of time and will take proper care of the cases and crates in storing and re-packing, there can't help but be a general overall improvement in the O.N.A. Display Case Service to ALL the coin clubs in our coin loving province.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Ninth Annual Banquet and Exhibition was decidedly better than last year. The speaker, Dr. John Wilkinson, spoke on what to collect and how to arrange displays for show. He said counterfeiting has followed the coin collector for many generations and told how one such, Herrn Becker, of the 18th century, paid off his debts with counterfeit coinage. Congratulations were extended to our founding president, Walter Griggs, on his election to the Directorate of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

It was decided to issue a monthly bulletin to keep all members and friends in touch with what is going on in the club and also the developments on the spring show with the C.N.V.C.A. in April. Just a reminder that we meet every Monday Night and we welcome friends and guests.

GALT AND AREA COIN CLUB-

We were formerly the Preston Coin Club and the prize for the best name suggested was won by Norm Gray and was a 1969 mint set presented by Vince Neviden. It is hoped that the present executive will remain in office for another year to get the new-named club on its feet and used to its new surroundings.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The topic of the last meeting was a preliminary showing of slides of London tokens being photographed by the club from the tokens of several members. Attention was drawn to a new book in the library, "English Coins, Charles 1 to Edward 111 by Amstell. Slides from the O.N.A. "Seafaring-The Development of the Ship" will be shown at the next meeting. This slide was produced by Alex Munro.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The treat of the meeting was a slide set, Canadian Silver Dollars, by William English. The Commemorative Silver Dollar and the 1948 Canadian Dollar was a triumph in coloured photography. The "Old Coin Box", in which members drop a coin as they come in and then some lucky member wins in the draw, was a great attraction.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB

The Annual Banquet and Show is over and due to the hard work of all members was a success. To paraphrase what the late President Kennedy said - it's not what your club can do for you but what you can do for the club that counts. Thanks to all who helped make our day such a fine one.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The November meeting featured a demonstration by the Kitchener Police Department's Bill Vogel and his associates on how to secure you home, protect your valuables and prevent robberies. They will show how the bad guys do it and how the good guys catch them. The other news is the great success of the annual show held in October. Thanks to one and all for making it the success it was.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The November meeting featured the film "The Money Minters" and plans are in progress for the annual Christmas Party. The juniors are writing essays on coins which must be in by the last meeting in November. The results will be interesting.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The special feature of the November meeting is the election of the officers for next year. This is a very important meeting as the success of our club for next year hangs on the results. The draw this month will be for a 1968 proof-like set.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

We announce our new meeting place to our friends, The Albion Community Centre, Corner of Kipling Avenue and Albion Road, We hope our club will ~~prop~~osed in its new quarters.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured three very interesting young people, namely, Miss Beverley White who brought with her the Duke of Edinburgh Award presented to her by Prince Philip and two students, Jack Ganz and Doug Sussman, from Forest Hill Junior High School, who gathered some valuable information on collecting through conversations with the members.

WELLAND COIN CLUB

Just a note to say we hope to have a real strong executive for the coming year. They will be announced next month.

NOTE - Any clubs not mentioned in this bulletin is due to the early deadline because of the Christmas mail rush. Get you next month!!

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates that we now have on hand.

1970

Jan. 29- Torex held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

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Feb. 28 - Canadian Paper Money Society Convention in the Dominion

Mar. 1 Room at the Toronto-Dominion Centre in Toronto. There will be 25 bourse tables available. Note extension from one to two days due to increased interest. Application forms and information by writing to The Secretary, c/o P.O. Box 7, Postal Station "S", Toronto.

Mar. 14 - Richmond Hill Coin Club Spring Show. Information re Bourse tables, etc., to:- Ricky Morse, P.O.Box 91, Station "H", Toronto, Ont.

Mar. 28 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association 1970 Banquet and Show in Grace United Church Hall. Details as to bourse, etc. write A. W. O'Neill, Secretary, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.

Apr. 11 & 12 - Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association will hold their Convention in the Westbury Hotel, Yonge St., Toronto, with the host club being the Central Coin Club. Information either from CNVCA, P.O. Box 91, Station "H", Toronto, OR Central Coin Club, The Secretary, 306 Jarvis St., Toronto. Either Club will be glad to supply details as to Exhibits, Banquet, Bourse, Etc.

Apr. 18 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association will hold their Annual Coin Show at the Quinte Hotel, Belleville, corner Bridge & Pinnacle Sts. Exhibitors to supply their own cases. Room for 8 bourse dealers will be available. More details later.

May 2-3 - Huronia Numismatic Association will host the 1970 O.N.A. Convention in Barrie. Guest speaker will be Mr. John J. Pittman, President of the C.N.A. Notice well in advance so clubs can arrange their shows accordingly.

Oct. 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Banquet and Coin Show. Further details later.

NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatic Association Bulletin, The Numismatist, have now been accepted as full members of the Association. New members will be listed next month.

TENDERS WANTED

We are requesting tenders for our auction at the O.N.A. 9th Annual Convention to be held at Barrie, Ontario, May 2nd and 3rd, 1970. Please send your auction tenders direct to President Don Flick, 3263 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto 14, Ontario. Please also remember "the early bird catches the heap big worm" - The O.N.A. Auction!!

MOSTLY ABOUT COINSKIND PERMISSION OF JACK WALLACE

The 25-cent fractional notes (shinplasters) were Canada's first paper money. The first "DOMINION OF CANADA" notes were issued on July 1, 1870, but were preceded by the 25¢ bills four months earlier. They were first introduced as a temporary measure to replace the mass of semi-official and privately struck "tokens" and U.S. coins that were circulating in Canada during that period.

The subsequent issues of 1900 and 1923 were probably due to popular demand as they were a convenient means of remitting small amounts by mail, as well as being valued as souvenirs by many people and were also useful as gifts to children.

It is estimated that approximately \$1 million worth of these notes have never been redeemed and are to-day in collections, or kept as souvenirs. Many readers may possibly have one or two tucked away which bring back memories of their childhood.

The memory of receiving my first "shin-plaster" is rather a painful one, as it was given to me as an inducement to get into a dentist's chair and have an aching tooth pulled.

Many varieties are to be found in paper money as well as in coins. There are three varieties of the 1870 issue of fractional notes, all signed by W. Dickinson and T. D. Harington. One has the serial letter "B", one with the letter "A" under the figure 0 in the date and one without a serial letter.

Three varieties exist in the signatures of the 1900 series. One is signed by J. C. Saunders; one signed by J. W. Courtney and one by T.C. Boville. In addition, there are three other varieties in the "Boville" notes. One with the face plate number at the upper right and none on the back; one with a face plate on the upper left and a black plate number on the lower right and, one without a plate number.

There are about 40 varieties to be found in the 1923 issues and all have either of the following serial letters: "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "H", "J", "K", "L", or "W". Ten of these issues are signed by G. W. Hyndman and J. C. Saunders with either of the above letters in red preceding the serial number, 10 bear the same signatures but with serial letters in black, another ten issues are signed by S. P. McCavour and J. C. Saunders, with still another 10 signed by C. E. Campbell and W. C. Clark, also with serial letters in black.

Values of the 1800 issues are from three to four dollars with the exception of the scarce Britannia with the letter "A" under the date which is valued at \$15. The 1900 and 1923 values range from one to three dollars. These prices are offered by dealers for notes in very good (VG) condition, with higher prices for those in very fine (VF) to uncirculated.

Please start thinking about your O.N.A. "Award of Merit" (1970) nomination. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles, Any person whom you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile past time. This is the person who should receive your individual consideration, then take to your club for their support. Let's make it tough on the O.N.A. Executive this year and give them some real opposition to choose their Award of Merit Candidate.

THIS 'N THAT

Oh, Boy, this has been a real busy bee time for Ye Ed-- I no sooner get one Bulletin in the mail when I have to begin another in order that we can print and mail before December 10th, the Post Office deadline for assured delivery --- by the way, may I say here how much I appreciate the many contributions from our readers-- This year has seen quite a variety of topics covered, and to conclude our year there is an excellent article by Bill English on Junior Members on TV -- a brief note to Fred Steele of the Kingston Coin Club who commiserates with Ye Ed on his recent inability to attend their show due to illness, but please, Fred, I'm not a "she", I'm a "he" --sorry to have missed your show -- better luck next time -- Visited the show at Hamilton last week and saw many old friends -- I felt the show deserved better support, for everything was well organized - exhibits were fine, and although low in number were high in quality -- congrats to the winners -- I note many clubs are making their banquet and show arrangements much earlier this year - some as much as a year ahead -- This is an excellent idea for it gives the executives of other clubs a better choice of dates by knowing the show-dates of their local opposition-- so may I request the in-coming executives of 1970 - make this a must - set your show date and/or banquet dates well in advance -- we will publish (December and January issues) all club dates so you can set your date without clashing-- This is all for now, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with the good things of life -- I end with a short quote sent to me by one of our Directors-- I think it is very apt to close the old year of 1969 and commence 1970 --

CHRISTMAS 1969 NEW YEAR 1970

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

- Ye Ed -

IMPORTANT: Cases cannot be sent out before cheque covering all assessments listed above is received by the Director of Display Case Service.